



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Crawford County won't be home to proposed race tracks

Businessman needed more support to continue the project in county

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

A downstate businessman brought his project of building a racing complex in northern Michigan to Crawford County, but he didn't receive the support he said he needed.

The proposed Parmalee Edges Project was presented to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 4. The speedway project was scheduled to include oval and drag strip racing tracks.

"We don't want to come into any community if the community doesn't want us," said Phil Parmalee, the leader of the project group.

Following a polling of the six county commissioners for Crawford County, Parmalee decided that he did not have the support he needed to build the racing facility in Crawford County.

Commissioner Robert Smock, Jr. said based on the opinions he has heard from his constituents, they are not interested in this project.

Commissioner Lynette Corlew said the residents in her district are pretty much split on the issue. The retirees in the area said they don't because of the noise and other problems and the business people said they would like it for increased business.

"I am open to hear more from you (Parmalee)," Corlew said.

Commissioner Kathy Black said her constituents are also willing to listen to more details concerning the proposed race track. She mentioned that some residents are skeptical because of another entrepreneur who proposed a project in the county.

Commissioner John Hartman said

he did not have enough information on the project yet, to say yeah or nay on the project.

Commissioner Dennis Long said he could not "look into a crystal ball" and give an accurate reading of all of his constituents. He did say that he has received about 50 phone calls con-

"Based on what I have heard here and what happened in the neighboring county, I think we will pass."

-- Phil Parmalee,
Racing Project Leader

Parmalee originally proposed his idea in Kalkaska County, but it fell through. One problem he ran into was attempting to purchase 1,460 acres from the state. He also said another

downfall in Kalkaska County was the lack of community support.

According to Parmalee, he presented his project to Crawford County after being contacted by someone from the

county.

Parmalee projected that the facility will produce 300 permanent jobs, plus an additional 2,000 jobs of summer employment. The facility plan was to

have three or four major racing events during the year, with the remaining weekends being used for club races and other smaller events.



AND THE WINNER IS - Melissa Ostwald is led through the audience by her father Tim Ostwald after she was announced the winner of the 1997 Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program on Saturday, Feb. 1. For more on the program see page 1B.

photo by Lisa Hofman

Up to \$100,000 in stolen property recovered in county B&E investigation

Spree of crimes across state involved

Following a recent string of breaking and entering reports within the county, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office began an in-depth investigation to determine suspects in the case and recover some of the stolen items.

The investigation stemmed from a spree of breaking and enterings during the end of January. Although the incidents occurred in a few areas in Crawford County, a majority of the breaking and entering incidents took place in Lovells Township.

Two men were arrested in the case and a third is expected to be arrested. The deputies also recovered a portion of the stolen property.

After the investigation was concluded, deputies from the sheriff's office executed two search warrants. The warrants led to the seizing of somewhere between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in stolen property from a Lovells Township residence.

The stolen items and evidence recovered by the sheriff's deputies included VCRs, snowmobiles, a covered snowmobile trailer, a pop-up camper, tools, a shot gun, a hand gun, walkie talkies, binoculars, a stereo, gas cans, oil, beer and numerous additional items.

The first search warrant was used to check the inside of a covered snowmobile trailer which was locked. After verification that the snowmobile inside was stolen, the second search warrant was issued for the residence.

The recovered property contained items stolen in breaking and enterings throughout the state.

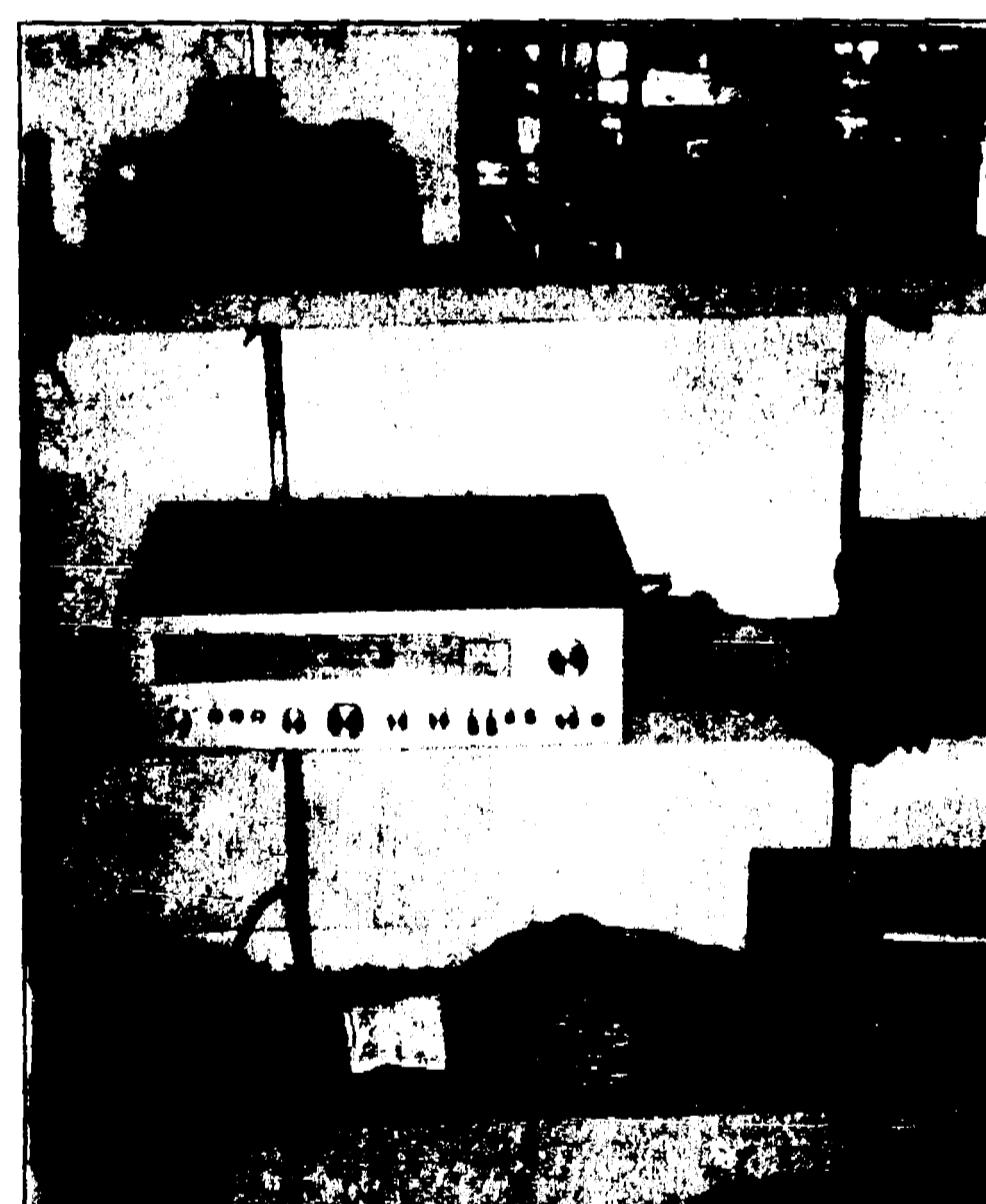
With the assistance of the Lansing Police Department, Crawford County sheriff's deputies seized stolen items from two different residences in the City of Lansing. This stemmed from

the property recovered in Lovells Township.

Two Lansing men were arrested in the case, and another was expected to be arrested. The three men are believed to be responsible for larcenies and breaking and enterings that total several hundred thousands of dollars in stolen and damaged property.

The names of the suspects have been withheld pending arraignment.

Although the specifics of the suspect was not available, sheriff's officials did say that the connection between Lovells Township and Lansing is that one of the suspect has family in Crawford County.



EVIDENCE ROOM — The Crawford County Sheriff's Office evidence room and other offices and areas were filled with evidence and recovered stolen items which were seized through two search warrants. The items pictured include an old stereo, a CB radio, binoculars and parts.

Crime fighter group organized in Lovells Township for protection

County residents have had enough of recent B&Es

Sixty-two concerned Lovells area property owners met with Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely and County Commissioners Bruce Bretzke and Robert Smock on Saturday, Feb. 1 to discuss a series of breaking and enterings and other incidents in the area.

The discussion focused on burglaries and house-smashing incidents involving approximately \$300,000 in goods and damage dating back to the

fall of 1996. The issue came to the forefront with the recent spree of breaking and enterings in Lovells Township. The spree was done by at least three residents from down state, now in custody, using snow machines to gain access to unoccupied properties.

The overall feeling of the group was described as angry, and most had an idea of they will not tolerate this any longer.

The new group called the Lovells

Anti Crime Association (LACA) was formed immediately following the discussion with county officials. Barbara Loar was named spokesperson for the group with Janet Richardson as secretary-treasurer and Dean Collins as patrol sergeant-at-arms. The group plans to hold regular monthly meetings.

Criticism of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office ran heavy due to the "lack of patrolling done in the Lovells area," according to some property owners. They pointed out that this occurs despite the intense use of the community by thousands of snowmobilers.

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Winter Wolf Festival is on track for weekend

The Winter Wolf Festival, to be held at Hanson Hills, February 7, 8 and 9, is proceeding as scheduled.

However, due to excess snow on Lake Margrethe, the fishing contest and putt-putt golf has been cancelled.

Snowboarding and skiing demonstrations will be held, as well as, snowshoeing demonstrations.

Beginning on Friday, Feb. 7 Las Vegas night will be held in the Hanson Hills Activity Center. The night will benefit the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

On Saturday, Feb. 8, shaped ski rentals and lessons will be available every hour on the hour.

A nature snowshoe walk and children's snowshoe obstacle course will also take place on Saturday.

At 6:45 p.m. a torch parade by the Grayling High School ski team will open the business olympics.

Numerous businesses from the Grayling area have signed up their three-person teams for this event.

Saturday evening downhill skiraces for all ages will be held.

On Sunday, a Grayling Youth Booster Club breakfast will be held.

Ski with the Stars of the Rosignol Cross Country Ski Team from 10 to 11 a.m.

A snowshoe archery challenge will



be held on Sunday at the Hanson Hills softball field.

At 1 p.m. a downhill obstacle race will be held. Participants should meet at the top of the bowl next to the race shack.

To enjoy the Winter Wolf Festival activities a festival button must be purchased. Buttons are available at many Grayling businesses and will be available at the Winter Wolf Festival.

"The number of people at the festival will depend on the weather," said Cindy Olson, Hanson Hills director. "If there is a big snow more people will be here."

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Chamber programs have grown during Meyer's guidance

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Jerry Meyer said he wants to be in East Greenwich, Rhode Island by Feb. 24, leaving Grayling with a huge hole to fill. The chamber and visitor's council leader took time to look back and look ahead at the Grayling area.

Meyer, who has been the executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce for the past two years, has resigned and plans to take a similar job in Rhode Island.

The move to Rhode Island will put Meyer and his wife Nancy closer to family.

The chamber has begun a search for Meyer's replacement. Meyer reflected on the accomplishments the chamber has seen over the last two years and

looked ahead at the future of the area and the chamber's role.

Some of the improvements during the last two years include an in-house chamber newsletter and an updating of the chamber office facility. Meyer said the office is more high tech with two new computers which have led to some other accomplishments.

These accomplishments with the increased technology include a Grayling Web site and a chamber membership listing. The Internet Web page includes snowmobile trail condition updates and a calendar of events for the area.

According to Meyer, one item that currently is being looked into is the replacement of the snowmobile area on the page. He said a couple of alter-

natives include fishing and canoeing items.

Some of the other recent accomplishments include the beginning of the AuSable-Manistee Roundtable, School-to-Work Program, expansion of the festival craft show and an increase in the fund raising capability of the annual chamber raffle.

Meyer and other people within the chamber and area have also started numerous other projects which are beginning to take shape, but will not be completed for a while.

According to Meyer, this is the portion of the Grayling job he will miss the most.

"Getting a lot of stuff going, but not quite complete," Meyer said. "I'm sorry I will not be able to see these

items completed."

One of the items that Meyer said it is frustrating for him to see not completed is the proposed Gaylord to Grayling snowmobile trail system.

Other items included a preliminary planned recreation summit. Meyer said this is set to be a gathering of ideas concerning the possibility of starting a recreational facility in the Grayling area.

Meyer looks at the future of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and believes the most important issue is how to manage change.

"How are we going to grow and how to handle this growth?" Meyer said. "Everyone (Traverse City, Gaylord) around us is booming, so it will happen."

Meyer, who was previously a television anchor with TV 9/10 and TV 7/4, was also the executive director of the Grayling Area Visitors Council, which is made up of Crawford County hotels and motels.

The future of the visitor's council is to find better ways to use the money raised from the county motel and hotel rooms, Meyer said. This is basically a set amount of money based on the number of rooms used.

The focus has been on snowmobiling and the proposed trail in the area, but Meyer said work has begun to gather information on cross country skiing in the area. Meyer pointed out that he had got in touch with the Great Lakes Nordic Ski Council, concerning this item.

"Our season here is winter," Meyer said. "We have an opportunity to make winter as good as summer."

This would greatly improve the economy and employment opportunities with tourism in the winter months.

"Grayling has unlimited opportunities, including tourism, retail and numerous other items," Meyer said. "The focus has to be on managing the future, and the Master Plan is a good start."

FOUR GENERATIONS — This family got together recently. The family members pictured are (from left): Merle Carlson, Jennifer (Olson) Nondorf, Christine (Carlson) Olson and Daniel Thomas Nondorf.

Crime fighter group organized in Lovells Township

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biles on winter weekends.

"It was a real good meeting," Lovely said. "They had some concerns about our patrols, and I told them what our deputies could handle."

"All in all, I think they are on the right track," Lovely said.

Start-up costs were covered by cash contributions from attendees plus a \$500 grant from the AuSable-Manistee Action Council. Additional funding will be sought to pay for the anti-crime program as it is developed. Interested parties can make checks payable to LACA, c/o Janet Richardson, 10946 Trail Ridge, Grayling, MI 49738.

"Our message to all is if you come here to do crimes you had better go somewhere else," LACA officials said. "If you commit crime here, we will catch you and will hit you hard when we do."



STOLEN SLEDS — These two new snowmobiles were among the items recovered by the sheriff's office following a county breaking and entering spree. These two snowmobiles were just a part of the \$50,000 to \$100,000 worth of property recovered.

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Safety week planned for child passengers

The City of Grayling Police Department urges families to recognize this year's "National Child Passenger Safety Week" which is Feb. 9-15. In conjunction with this national campaign, the Grayling City Police will be joining law enforcement agencies nationwide in encouraging proper use of child safety seats and use of safety belts by all vehicle occupants.

Child Passenger Safety Week is an annual campaign to remind the public of the necessity of children always riding "buckled up". A major issue of this year's campaign focuses on child passengers and air bag safety. Airbags save lives, but they work best when everyone is buckled and when children under age 13 are properly restrained in the back seat. An infant in a rear-facing child seat must never be placed in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag. The message is clear, "Everyone buckled. Kids in the back."

Motor vehicle injury is the leading killer of children more than one year of age. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-

tion (NHTSA), child safety seats, when used correctly, can reduce fatalities among children less than five years of age by 71 percent.

Children must rely on parents to use safety seats correctly. NHTSA recommends all children ride in the back seat using rear-facing seats until a child is 20 pounds and at least one year of age; forward facing over one-year-old and 20 pounds up to 40 pounds; and booster seats until the child can use the vehicle's lap/shoulder belts. Parents need to read the information provided in their vehicle owner's manual regarding child safety seat placement in the vehicle along with the proper use instructions provided with their child safety seat.

All 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Territories have laws requiring the use of child safety seats. Violators of these laws can face fines, points on their driving record, or more serious charges. Please remember no fine, regardless of the amount, can replace or bring back a child involved in fatal crashes.

State of the State Address applauded by senate leader

Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto) applauded Gov. John Engler's annual State of the State Address to the joint delegation of the House and Senate. In this, his boldest State of the State Address, Engler heralded Michigan's accomplishments and outlined his goals for the upcoming legislative year.

"I was excited to hear the Governor's proposals, as he has shown a real commitment to the families of Michigan," Posthumus said. "On the issue of education, parents all over the state will take comfort in the Governor's statement that this year, for the first time ever, no school will receive less than \$5,000 per pupil in state funding."

"And while we've worked to increase funding, we're also committed to ensuring that all students in our state receive the best possible education," Posthumus said. "The Governor's proposal of making schools accountable to students and their parents will help us to move toward that end."

"Standing on the successes we've accomplished on reforming welfare, there is still more that we can do," Posthumus continued. "Project Zero has accomplished great results in its work to promote full employment. By

calling for an expansion of this program, the Governor has reinforced his commitment to making Michigan a national leader in welfare reform."

"A key to returning people to the workforce is a strong economy. The Legislature, working alongside Governor Engler, has implemented a vision which has created the greatest turnaround of any state in the past 50 years," Posthumus continued. "By cutting taxes 21 times, we have returned to the taxpayers \$6.5 billion. Now more Michigan residents are working than ever before and we've turned our \$1.8 billion deficit into a \$1.1 billion surplus."

Posthumus also commented on Michigan's success on fighting crime over the past six years. "Through our tough stand on crime and commitment to the safety of our families, Michigan streets are safer today than they've been in years. We've seen the occurrence of serious crime drop to the lowest level in 25 years."

"Tonight, the Governor has outlined his goals for Michigan," Posthumus concluded. "I'm looking forward to working with this blueprint for the people of the state. We're continuing our commitment to making Michigan the best place to live, work and raise a family."

Camp back on key committees in Congress

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI) announced he would continue to pursue a pro-family agenda as he returns to the House Ways and Means Committee in the 105th Congress.

Camp advances to 10th in seniority of 23 Republicans on the Committee and also returns to two subcommittees: Trade, and Human Resources.

"My continuing work on these key committees allows me to fight for working people, farmers and families in Mid-Michigan," said Camp during the first week of the new House session. "I'll have an opportunity to work for smaller government, lower taxes and fewer unnecessary regulations. There is a tremendous opportunity this year to create a better future for our kids."

With a key role in shaping last year's welfare reform law, Camp will monitor its implementation.

"We took a historic step last year passing welfare reform," said Camp. "Now it's our job to make sure it's done right. I want to ensure the law helps people find jobs, and that those in need still get the proper assistance."

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter,
North Higgins Lake State Park

On the highway between Eckerman and Trout Lake late one night last summer the form crouched on the road shoulder was unmistakable, tan in color, roundish head and ears with a long tail. We were well past before it registered that we had just seen a cougar despite all disclaimers to the contrary of their existence in the Upper Peninsula. According to the information in "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife of Michigan," there have been a number of confirmed sightings of cougars in the Upper Peninsula since 1962.

Wildlife biologist indicate the best method for positive identification is to investigate sign. Cougar tracks are nearly round (three inches in width and length) without evidence of claws, whereas wolf, coyote or large dog tracks are longer than they are wide and the claws (toe nails) are normally visible.

Another distinguishing characteristic may be marks left by the tail if there is snow on the ground. During the winter, cougar tracks may be found on snow covered logs or rocks where wolf or coyote would not normally venture. Cougars, like the bobcat and lynx, commonly cover food caches with leaf litter and other forest debris to conceal and preserve.

Courting is thought to take place during late winter with two to four kittens being born in early summer. The young may be weaned in three months, but are dependent upon the parent for up to two years. Cougars are secretive animals to say the least.

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sighting for every 2,000 days spent in the field. Whether the individuals are migrants from the western Great Lakes or escaped, they have apparently re-established themselves in their once traditional range.

Habitat favorable to prey has improved, along with an improvement in public understanding, has led some biologists to believe there is now a self-sustaining population. While the cougar is not dependent on a specific habitat, it prefers areas where humans are few and its primary prey (whitetail deer) are common. Cougars also prey on porcupines and snowshoe hares. It prefers areas with few roads and avoids recently logged areas. The average male will have a range varying from 47 to 114 square miles which will overlap the smaller ranges of several females.

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THE GARDEN CORNER

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Question: Does the snowy owl come to Michigan in the winter? I'm pretty sure I saw one recently.

Answer: Snowy owls occasionally move into or pass through Michigan. They are fairly large — about 24 inches — and white with dark spots. Unlike native owls, they hunt during the daytime. They often turn up in odd places, such as the campus of Michigan State University or suburban backyards near big cities. They rarely stay long, but they usually attract a lot of attention while they're here.

Snowy owls and bald eagles that move south through Michigan are here looking for prey and a less harsh winter environment. Some bald eagles may try to stay here; others go back north as the weather moderates. Snowy owls may not even try to return north, but those that stay generally perish here in the summer.

Question: How do I select plants for a dish garden or a terrarium?

Answer: The key in putting together any grouping of plants in a single container is to select plants that require basically the same environment and care. Combining plants that need moist soil and high humidity with species that prefer soil on the dry side means that, no matter what you do, the care you give will be wrong for at least some of the plants — maybe for all of them.

A terrarium is designed to hold moisture around plants, so it's best for growing ferns, prayer plant and other humidity-loving species. A dish garden can be planted with tropical plants, cacti and succulents and other arid region plants, or something in between, but not a mixture of types.

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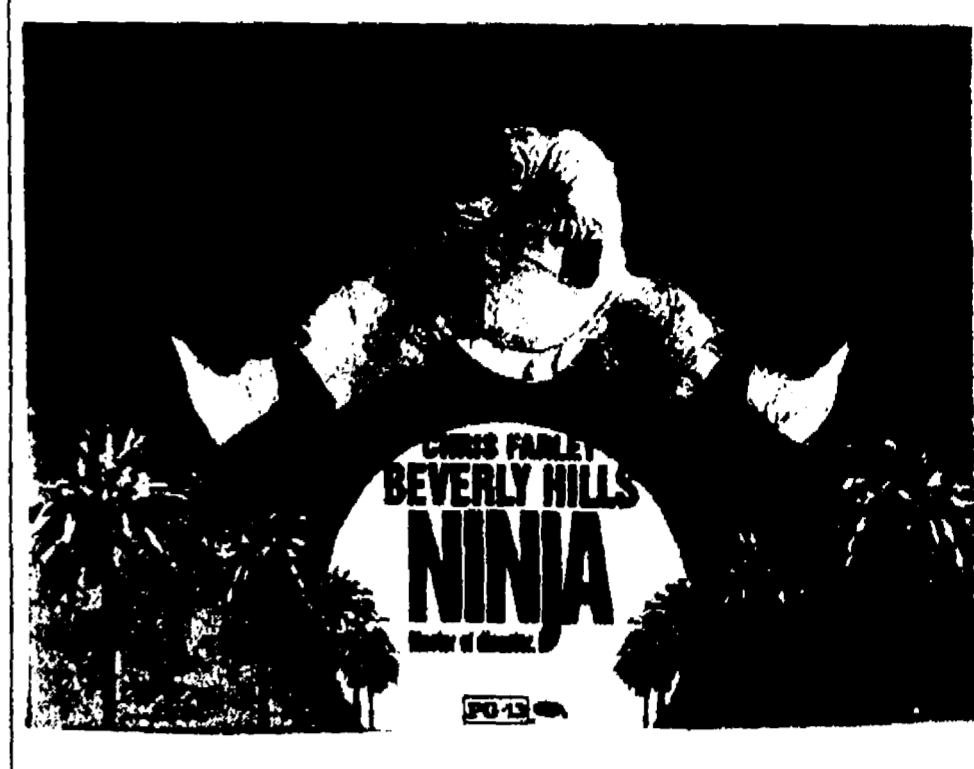
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Richard Milliman

Schools, roads will highlight '97

GOV. JOHN ENGLER used his State of the State message to define the arena where most vital legislative attention will be focused this year.

He has earmarked schools and roads for primary attention.

Both will create controversy. What finally happens in these two areas will not make everyone happy.

Mr. Engler's message hit on a number of topics, a call to action that read something like a campaign document:

He wants to get bad drivers off the roads ... expel students who assault teachers ... get tougher on sexual offenders and other law breakers ... extend jobs-for-welfare initiatives ... acquire more land for nature lovers ... promote adoption ... emphasize training for skilled jobs.

But schools and roads will be where the vital action is.

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THE GOVERNOR'S idea that the state should move into academically troubled school districts and wrest control away from local school boards and administrators probably won't fly this year.

It may never soar at all.

But it will focus attention on how

districts perform, and hold the threat over local officials that there is another way to do things that doesn't necessarily hinge on infusion of huge amounts of new money from state and/or federal treasures.

The details have not been written yet, but the idea as stated so far is that someone at the state level would appoint an outside independent receiver — much as in a bankruptcy situation in a private business crisis — to administer school affairs during crisis times.

This receiver would have the authority to take over the whole operation, fire and hire, close and open buildings and programs — in short, do whatever he/she deems best for the district.

Lots of questions remain. From where would all these efficiency experts come? What would be the limits on their authority? When would local control be returned, if ever? What would be the state responsibility in measuring success? In providing finances?

The idea is intriguing, if a bit scary for those who believe in local control by folks in the district, who presumably know what's best for their own children

and in their own communities.

By the way: Didn't Gov. Engler used to espouse the idea that government is best when it's closest to the people?

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MICHIGAN ROADS could become a political albatross for Mr. Engler.

He's reluctant to take decisive action to reverse deterioration of Michigan's once-superb highway system.

He could become known as "Pothole John."

Michigan's roads are in terrible shape, and not getting any better. The spring thaw — if it ever arrives in Michigan — will make road deterioration even more visible to the driving public, and make drivers even madder about potholes.

Mr. Engler refuses to support any increase in the gasoline tax to produce funds for road repair, road maintenance, new construction.

His solution offered in the State of the State message: A little jiggling of state funds here, a little juggling there, a dollop of cost cutting, and more federal money.

He claimed his seven-point plan would bring at least \$375 million for

road improvements during the next few years — or about what a 6-8 cent tax increase would produce.

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EVEN IF IT WORKS, would that solve Michigan's growing highway problems? Not likely, and not for long.

Legislative Democrats won't take the lead on higher gas taxes either.

"It makes no sense to be out in front on that issue," said Speaker Curtis Hertel.

Meanwhile, proponents of better highways may not stand still. Talk of a statewide referendum increases.

A petition drive to put a gas tax increase on the 1998 ballot would need about 250,000 signatures.

A recent opinion poll reports about 50 percent of registered voters would approve an eight-cent increase in gas tax to pay for highway improvements.

"I think public support is there," said Brent Bair, president of the County Road Association of Michigan.

He could well be right.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE

EDITOR

Hanson Hills has its own advantages

To the community of Crawford County,

As I worked last night (Jan. 25), running shack number 1 at Hanson Hills, which is the beginner's hill, I heard many positive remarks about how it is a great place to let your kids learn to ski. As I listened to these moms and dads, so proud of their children making it all the way down for the first time, it was great. I also watched as other children helped each other by giving pointers on how to do this or that. It was nice to see the caring come out in these young children.

Toward the end of the night, the kids asked if they could put their ski poles in like a slalom course? Being that

there were only a few skiers left on the hill, I let them; but only if they stayed to the far right of the hill. They were a joy to watch as they tried to make the gates. As I was watching, one of the moms spoke to me. She said, "You know, you could never let your kids work on things like this at a big ski park."

Both of my kids have learned to ski and snowboard here, as I myself did too. And I had to let the community know what a special place we have at the park for our children. So instead of putting it down, volunteer to help build up so your children and their children will have the same pleasures.

Cheryl Stephan Baker

Married or not, child still important

To the editor,

I am writing in response to the letter written by Bob Wininger in the Jan. 23 paper. I am 20 years old and I do not have any children, but if I did they would be just as important if I was married to the father or not. This is the 1990s and many unmarried parents have children every day. Their children have two legs, two arms, 10 toes and look just like the children of married couples. So what makes them any less important?

Nobody has to be pushed into marriage and most forced marriages end in divorce anyway. If I had a child, if I was married or not, I would love to broadcast it to everyone I know. My parents would love the child and so would the rest of my family. And if people did not approve of me not being married, I wouldn't care; I would still love the child.

Sincerely,

Jessica Ashworth

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

Letters are limited to 500 words.



Terry Wright

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Snow that falls when it is about 32° F is ideal for building snowmen. To make it last longer, pour cold water over it.

POINT OF VIEW

by Terry R. Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor

The best tool of government is citizen participation

The winds of change are becoming very strong throughout most of northern Michigan. They can be felt especially strong here in Crawford County, generated by a 20-percent increase in population in the last 10 years.

Recent industrialization, increased recreational opportunities and an expanded commercial base, far from the problems of the big city, have all added to the attraction of Crawford County as a good place to live and raise a family.

Not surprisingly, the fastest growing segment of the new population comes from people who are here to enjoy their golden years. Most spent a life of hard work in southern Michigan and now want the peace and serenity of our forests, lakes and streams. As my generation of baby-boomers retires, the senior population will continue to increase faster than any other group.

When you combine the new industrialists, business people, and retirees with the "homies" who have been the base of the population for

generations, throw in the military and the seasonal vacationers, fishermen, hunters, snowmobilers, and skiers, then add the area's single largest group of employees, the federal state and local government workers, it becomes apparent we may be as diverse as any place in Michigan on any given day.

Is it any surprise efforts to hang our hats on a single identity have failed over and over since we lost the title of "Archery Capital of the World."

We are not just a military town, we are not just an industrial area, we are not just a retirement haven, nor are we just a tourist area. We are all of those things, or to put it in other words, we have it all. We have it all!

Each of our characteristics is a unique treasure which deserves careful consideration when envisioning what we want our home to be 20, 50, or even 100 years from now, but the key to proper planning is the unification of the people. We all have to be on a level playing field, working for common goals with perseverance and positive attitudes.

Until that happens, I believe we will continue to have a serious identity problem that will make planning for tomorrow very difficult. And, until we share common goals we will continue to have local governments which can only react to situations as they arise.

As a humble, public servant myself, it is my job to provide the necessary services to the people of Grayling Township which they want, but cannot provide for themselves. That is the very definition of government and that is what I am sworn to do. It is what all elected officials are sworn to do.

In order to accomplish the goals of the citizenry we have been given a large bag of tools which includes wonderful buildings from which to operate, ongoing educational opportunities, a percentage of your hard-earned tax dollars, and the wisdom of experienced co-workers, but all too often there is one tool missing from our bag — it is you, the people.

Government, at all levels, belongs to you, but at times you and I have allowed it to go astray to the point

where now, in some instances, we seemingly exist at the pleasure of the government instead of the other way around.

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Notices of public hearings will be published well in advance and copies of the unfinished Master Plan will be available to any and all who want to study it.

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

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Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must

be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

Letters to the editor, to inform parents of the weaknesses of our school transportation system.

I sent my child to preschool last Monday. I called transportation as soon as she left to arrange for my four-year-old to be taken to her babysitter. I got the transportation voice mail. I left a message with the sitter's address and my home phone number. I also told them if they had any questions to please call me back.

When I arrived at work, I called transportation back to make sure that they received my message. I got the voice mail again. I gave them the babysitter's address again, and I gave them my work phone number. I received a call back from transportation. This was about 10:30 a.m. I told the gentleman that I wanted to make sure my child was on the correct bus. I informed them again that she

needed to be dropped off at her babysitter's. I again, gave them the address. My sitter had also called to make sure that my daughter was being put on the correct van.

Now, you would think that with at least six to nine phone calls a child would be taken to the proper place, since the vans had radios, and they could communicate and double check.

WRONG! They put my daughter on the wrong van. They took her home. It was quite evident that no one was home. There wasn't any vehicles around. They dropped my child off without making visible contact with an adult. And left! They left my daughter home alone.

I had called back numerous times, and so did my babysitter. We were trying to locate my daughter. She should have been at the sitter's long before this time.

Something didn't feel right to me. I called my home. My daughter answered the phone crying hysterically, "Mommy, where are you?" I told her to stay put, I would be right there. I had a co-worker keep her on the phone while I drove seven miles out of town to retrieve my daughter who had been grossly neglected by our school transportation system.

When I arrived at home, my daughter was on the phone talking to the bus driver who had connected with my call waiting. My daughter was still crying. She handed me the phone. The bus driver chuckled nervously, knowing that she had made a mistake. She said, "I guess our wires must have

gotten crossed." I found absolutely nothing humorous about the situation. Her excuse was, my daughter wasn't there by herself, since her bus had run 30 minutes behind. My child usually gets home about 11:15 a.m. A half hour late would have made her arrive at 11:45. I made contact with my daughter at 12:33 p.m. I got to my house at 12:46.

Now would you think 11:45 to 12:46 was a long time for a frightened and confused four-year-old to be home alone, not understanding why no one was there to take care of her?

Jeannie Argue

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BRIEFS

ACT test to be at middle school

On Saturday, Feb. 8, 94 seventh and eighth graders will be participating in the ACT test from 8 a.m. until noon at Grayling Middle School. Students who qualified for the COOR Area Talent Search are invited to take the test. Bill Klinger, middle school counselor said the students have an opportunity to receive \$200 - \$300 in scholarship funds for educational summer programs.

Class of '72 to hold reunion meeting

The Grayling High School Class of 72 will be holding a 25th class reunion meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9 at noon at the Blaauw residence. Questions are comments, call 348-5364.

Diponio makes dean's list

Michael A. Diponio, Grayling, was recently named to the Grand Valley State University's deans list. Also making the dean's list was Thomas M. Crist of Roscommon. Both students were required to earn a 3.5 grade point average.

Eagles Auxiliary announces winner

The winner of the Eagles Auxiliary drawing for Jan. 29 was Bill Bird of Grayling. Bird won \$159.50.

Ferris announces academic list

Amy M. Furst, Christopher J. Lehti and Peter J. Oppermann, all of Grayling, were recently named to the Ferris state university fall semester dean's list. The students were required to earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Involvement night to focus on reading

The Parent Involvement Night to be held on March 20 will focus on reading. The involvement night is for parents and their AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary schools students to have a night of various activities.

Lovells bridge walk date announced

The date for the annual Lovells Bridge Walk will Aug. 16. A baseball game, kids games and a breakfast will be held that day.

McDonalds hoop shoot to benefit GHS

On Feb. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. basketball hoops will be set up inside the Grayling McDonalds. Proceeds from the event will benefit the junior varsity and varsity basketball teams. The event is being sponsored by the Spirit Club.

Michelson to have Lenten speaker series

This Lenten season explore differences and similarities between United States culture and the cultures of other countries. Each Thursday during Lent, from noon to 1 p.m. citizens are invited to bring a sack lunch and take part in the program. Foreign exchange students, Kirkland Community College instructors and local doctors have been invited to share their background and answer questions. The series begins Feb. 13, with Simon Jahnichen, an exchange student from Germany. The series takes place in the Fellowship Hall at Michelson Memorial Church, Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

Reduced millage to benefit community

The original millage to raise the necessary funds for the Crawford AuSable Schools construction project was set for one year at .95 mills. Residents owning a \$50,000 home, assessed at \$25,000 paid \$23.75. However, the millage has been reduced to .08 mills. The new millage will require that same homeowner to only pay \$2 per year.

SHARE sign-up to be held

There will be a SHARE sign-up on Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging. The SHARE pick-up will be Feb. 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints on North Donow River Road.

St. Francis to hold pancake supper

St. Francis Episcopal Church, located on M-72 West in Grayling, will be sponsoring its 22nd Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Wales to be held in travel series

On Thursday, Feb. 6, the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program will present its fourth program of the Travel and Adventure Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. The program will concern the country of Wales.

Winner for Lions Club announced

The Lion's Lucky 13 winner No. 10 was Merle Carlson of Grayling. Carlson won \$100.

'Have A Heart For The Animals' coming in February

If you think there's a population problem in the human world, it doesn't even begin to compare with the population explosion in the pet world. If two cats are allowed to breed uncontrolled, in 10 years their offspring adds up to an amazing 80,399,780

the CCFA, a northern Michigan-based organization that works to help control the overpopulation of pets and end the senseless killing of "surplus" animals.

For the past four years, CCFA has run a discount spay-neuter program through which 30-40 animals and their owners are helped financially every month. That's nearly 500 animals per year that are being spayed or neutered in Crawford County and the surrounding areas.

The program is costly, but there has been a marked reduction in the number of puppies and kittens at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Nobody is ever excluded from receiving a spay-neuter certificate from CCFA.

Customers at participating businesses can purchase pink hearts for \$1 and write the name of a pet or person on them. The hearts will then be displayed in the business for the remainder of the month.

This is an excellent way for both businesses and customers to actively show their support for the efforts of

the CCFA's Have A Heart For The Animals campaign.

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Country Breakfast

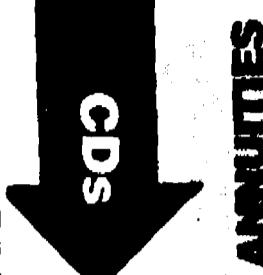
Sunday, February 9 - 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
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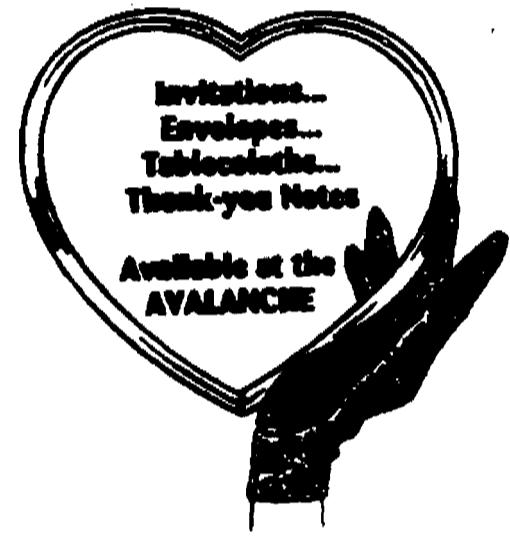
The Bob Chappels had a surprise visit recently from their granddaughter, Kim Zanni, of Warren, and her fiance, Neal Green, also of Warren. Neal has just returned from Bosnia. They were in northern Michigan skiing at Schuss Mountain with a group from Oakland University and stopped to see her grandparents.

Bob and Michelle Nimke returned to Grayling last spring after having lived in Fallon, Nevada, for some time. Bob is employed in Roscommon. His mother, Mrs. Josephine Nimke of Las Vegas, spent three weeks over the holidays with them. Duane and Jo will be remembered as former Grayling residents who left here in 1985.

Betty Bennett spent a wonderful vacation in Fountain Hills, near Phoenix, Arizona, with Walt and Mary Masenick. While she was there she had the opportunity to visit Sedona, the Superstition Mountains, and Taliesin of Frank Lloyd Wright fame. It is now a summer camp. The Masenicks are Grayling summer residents.

\$200 to the center as well as all of the goods donated.

Members of the Kiwanis Club have been visiting other clubs during January. Al and Val Johnston and Bob and Fay Bovee were guests at the Traverse City Golden K Kiwanis Club on Thursday, Jan. 23, for morning coffee and on Wednesday Jan. 29, R. J. Hannan, Gayle Pausch and Bob and Fay Bovee were guests at the Houghton Lake Kiwanis Club for a noon luncheon.



Health Matters At Mercy Hospital

Adult / Pediatric CPR Class

Monday, Feb. 10
6 - 10 pm • Private Dining Room
\$15 Class Fee

Free Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Clinic

Monday, Feb. 10
3 - 6:30 pm • Main Lobby

"Music As A Healing Art"

Sunday, Feb. 16
2 - 5 pm • St. Mary's Family Center, Grayling

"What Is Diabetes?"

With Rhonda Haske, RN - Tuesday, Feb. 18
7:30 - 9 pm • Private Dining Room

To Register, Call 1-800-83-MERCY

Community Calendar



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Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 12

THURS. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MERCY AMICARE HOSPICE SERVICE bereavement support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm. AUSABLE VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOC meeting @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7 pm. TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital riverside room, 5 pm. Call 275-9918 for more information. PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING @ HS conference room, 7 pm. GE 4TH-GRADE CONCERT @ GE gym, 7 pm.
FRI. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBB vs. East Jordan, home, 6 pm. WINTER WOLF FESTIVAL thru Sunday.
SAT. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VB Grayling hosts 5th annual Grayling Subway Inv., home, 9 am. WRESTLING conference meet, home. HS SOLO ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL. HS FORENSICS pre-Valentine's, Inv @ Saginaw Nouvel.
SUN. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information. WELCOME WAGON newcomers meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. Call Marylou @ 348-5816 for more information. FRESH BB vs. Houghton Lake, home, 7 pm. KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBB vs. Roscommon, home, 6 pm. CRAWFORD COUNTY RESOURCE COUNCIL meeting @ 12 noon, Mercy Hospital private dining room. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Citizens Bank, 1 pm. ABCs OF PARENTING CLASS @ AuSable Primary, 9:30-11 am.
WED. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRESTLING TEAM DISTRICTS @ Benzie Central. VB vs. Onaway, home, 6 pm. ASH WEDNESDAY. LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.



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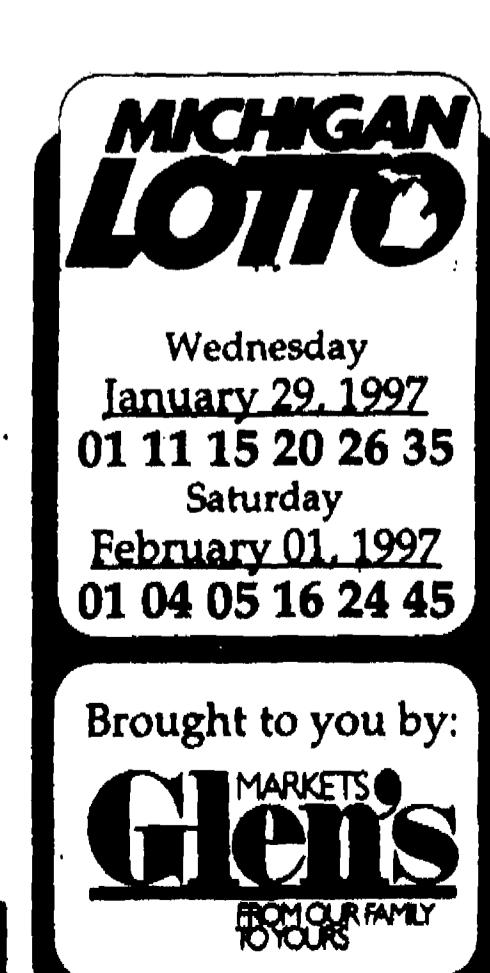
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The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 121 incidents from Jan. 27 through Feb. 3:

Ambulance (2), Fire (1), False Call (1), Assault (2), Burglary (9), Larceny (1), Fraud (3), Stolen Property (10), Property Damage (2), Drunkenness (2), Public Peace (11);

OUIL/UID (1), Health and Safety (2), Conservation (3); Miscellaneous Criminal Activity (1), Minor (2), Accidents (25), Non-traffic Accident (1), Tra/Saf/PR (3), Snowmobile (1), False Alarm (5), Insp/Other (1), Civil (1), FT (6), Suspicious Situation (5), Lost/Found Property (2), Nat/Death (2), and General Non-Criminal (17).



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The Bible Speaks

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Avoiding Greed

Someone once asked one of the world's richest men how much money it would take to be satisfied. He replied, "Just a little bit more!" Greed is never satisfied. That is why the Bible says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10) One can be poor and love money, or be rich and not love money. The money is not evil, but "the LOVE of money is the root of all evil."

A proper attitude toward honesty and wealth is found in a prayer of Solomon. (7) "Two things have I required of thee: deny me them not before I die: (8) Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: (9) Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the

LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." (Proverbs 30:7-9) We should pray, God, keep me honest, content, and respectful of you and others regardless of my finances.

Someone has well said, "People buy things they don't need, with money they don't have, to impress people they don't like." How much better to learn contentment like the apostle Paul. "But godliness with contentment is great gain." (1 Timothy 6:6) "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:11-13)

"Convenient" basic foods like beans, potatoes, and rice are affordable staples all children should learn to eat and enjoy. Many are being raised on pre-packaged "junk" foods they love, which cost more, yet hinder their physical nutrition and health.

This is also true in the spiritual realm. The junk television children love is shaping their morality. The Bible is just as important to the moral health of their minds, as fresh vegetables and fruits are to the health of their bodies.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:" (1 Peter 2:2)

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Teleconference set concerning seniors

A teleconference entitled "Financial Abuse of the Elderly" will be held at 18 down-link sites throughout the state on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The co-sponsors are the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, the Michigan Family Independence Agency, and Michigan Partnership of Community Caring.

Participants will learn about how the elderly are financially exploited by family members and others, and how one can work with Michigan Adult Protective Services and resources within the community to combat this serious problem.

The program includes an overview by Donna Spranger, Citizens for Better Care, and a panel comprised of Attorneys George Cooney of

Bloomfield Hills and Debra King of Oakland County; Terry Harris, Detective Lieutenant of the Michigan State Police; George Economy, Ingham County Probate Judge; and Jean Skalski, Michigan Adult Protective Services, St. Joseph County.

A wrap-up will be provided by John Peterson, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging. A local panel of experts at each site will discuss the issues and answer questions from participants.

The registration fee is \$12 and four

credits toward the state license requirement will be provided to administrators of adult residential homes for the elderly. The public is invited to attend. For a registration form, call (517) 373-4229.

One of the closest down-link sites for Crawford County residents is in Lake City. The site is located at the Missaukee MSU Extension, 6180 West Sanborn Road, Lake City. The phone number at the office is (616) 839-4667.

Crawford County Library

Michicard is available at the Crawford County Library.

Michicard gives people walk-in access and flexible borrowing privileges from over 265 participating Michigan library systems.

The Crawford County Library is a participating library. To qualify for a Michicard, a person must have a library card from a participating library with a Michicard sticker.

To become a Michicard holder, stop by the Crawford County Library with a Crawford County Library card. The library workers will affix the statewide sticker to the library card.

The Crawford County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The library's phone number is 348-9214.

Church Directory



On To Maturity . . .

The writer of Hebrews' phrase, "let us...go on to maturity" (Hebrews 6:1) has meaning for all people, especially that long suffering group of people known as parents. Mark Twain put his finger on what causes parents to suffer when he said,

"When I was fourteen I thought my dad was the most ignorant man in the world. But when I became twenty-one I was amazed how much the old man had learned in seven short years."

That reality of such an experience not only causes pain in parents, it also produces

maturity. Maturity comes from being able to survive some of the frustrations that come from parenting children, especially during teenage years.

Yet, when the children follow Hebrews' advice and "go on to maturity", then the parents experience a growing maturity that comes precisely because they have hung in there with the growing children.

And both children and parents ultimately come to know the joy of being family and more importantly of being a "matured family."

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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. -- Suite 103 -- Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michigan Memorial
United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Peterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 7 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting-Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Vodick, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885-Personage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St., Gaylord
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Grayling Christian Fellowship
Pastor Leonard Hall
Full gospel, multi-cultural church
(517) 348-0149
Sunday 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Heritage Baptist

Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Place Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical
Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Sherry McGiffin
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church
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Of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Wayne Hertel
Corner of North Down River Rd.
and South Millikan Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schimpf
415 Ohio North

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Robert W. Nalley, J.C.L., Pastor
Lou Ann Duncanson, Pastoral Associate
702 Pinnebacker 348-7657
Saturday Vigil 5 p.m. (Oct.-April)
7 p.m. (May-Sept.)

Sunday Mass 8 & 11 a.m. (Year-round)
9:15 a.m. (July-Aug.)

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DARE CLASS — Ashley Morgan, left, and Jessica Schwantz listen to DARE Officer Jimmy Parker during the second session in the 17-week DARE program. The two Frederic students are part of Mrs. Voelker's fifth grade class. DARE classes are conducted in Frederic on Fridays.

Area DARE is underway

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Say, "No thanks."
Give a reason or excuse.
Say "No" like a broken record.
Walk away.

These are just a few of the ways the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program teaches children to say no to drugs, alcohol, violence and other dangerous items.

DARE has recently gotten underway for students in the Crawford AuSable School District for this semester. Crawford County Sheriff Deputy Jimmy Parker is the county DARE officer.

Parker teaches DARE classes in the school systems four days a week. He handles fifth grade classes in Grayling on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He teaches Frederic fifth graders on Fridays. Last week was the second session in the 17-week DARE program.

DARE also is taught to parochial school children if there are enough students. Like the public schools, this program is usually done in the parochial schools during the second semester of the school year.

The focus of the DARE program is on four major areas: Alcohol and drug abuse information; Decision-making skills; Peer pressure resistance; and Alternatives to drug use.

"I hope that the kids retain some of the message," Parker said, following one of his classes in Frederic on Friday, Jan. 31. "I hope when the time comes to choose on an item, they can recall the consequences in getting involved with drugs, alcohol or violence."

The Michigan DARE program is designed after the very successful Los Angeles Unified School District program. Parker pointed out that the program is adapted to the specific area like any drug program.

This involves working with the schools and taking input from school officials. Parker said DARE officers work closely with teachers for the amount of time in each class. The program also relies upon the working relationship with persons who handle drug/alcohol situations in the community.

"If we help some students, it is better than not having anything," Parker said of the importance of DARE.

The local DARE officer said he wishes there was a high school and middle school DARE program in Crawford County to go along with the elementary school program. This provides a better opportunity to continue the DARE message throughout the schooling ages.

DARE visitation classes for students younger than fifth graders will be set by DARE officials soon. This is not a 17-week program, but a more basic concept for the young children.

In addition to working with teachers and other officials, the officer has to be certified in teaching the DARE program. This provides a wide range background for the DARE officer. Conducted by the Michigan Department of State Police, law enforcement



JUST SAY NO — Crawford County DARE Officer Jimmy Parker instructs a Frederic Elementary School class about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

officers from state, county and local jurisdictions go through an 80-hour training curriculum that covers the basic areas of child development, classroom management, teaching techniques and communication skills.

Parker put those skills to work Friday in Mrs. Voelker's class in Frederic.

One of the techniques used was a student workbook for various lessons during the 17 weeks. On Friday the students were split into groups and assigned to read a story and answer some questions.

Each group had a different character (person) in a particular situation. These situations included a person with an alcohol problem, marijuana problem, marijuana/cocaine problem, and a nicotine addiction.

After the groups came up with three dangerous consequences for their particular character, a spokesperson was assigned to read the consequences to help the rest of the students understand.

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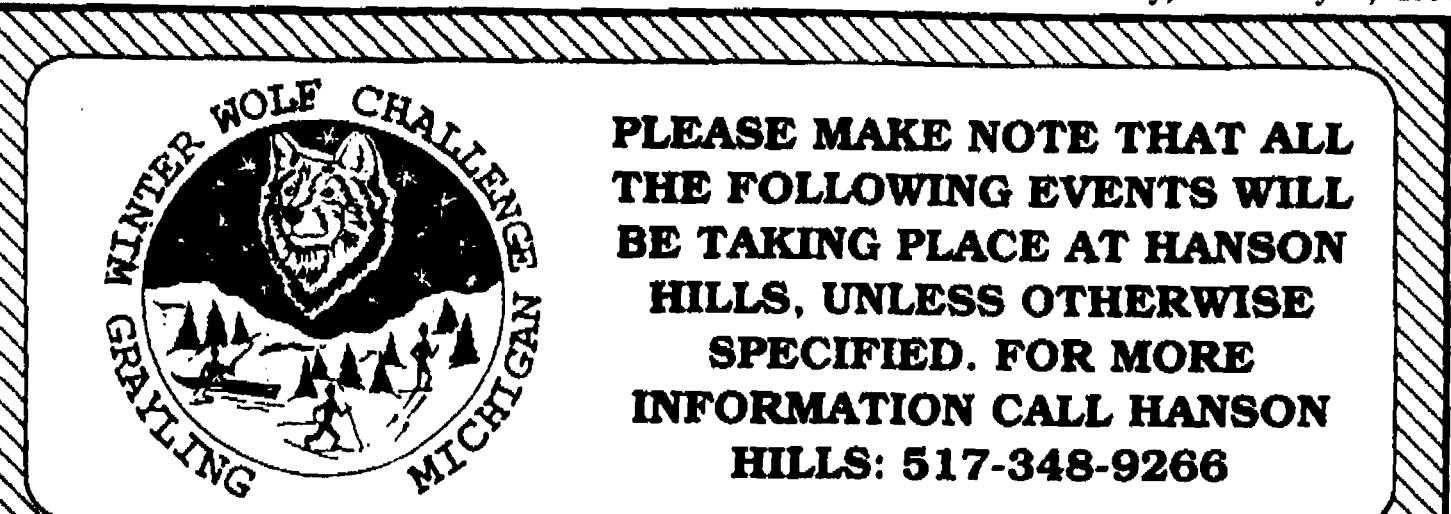
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Saturday, February 8, 1997

All day: Shaped ski lessons every hour on the hour. \$20 fee includes rental and lesson

8 am to 6 pm: Fishing contest for all ages to benefit the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. In the middle of Lake Margrethe, Dean Worden's shanty. Price will be awarded in youth and adult categories. \$10 up to 14 years; \$10 adults. Festival button required. For more information call 348-8901

10 am to 4 pm: Nine-hole Putt-Putt Golf Course event--Lake Margrethe. Meet at Dean Worden's shanty in the middle of the lake. Make donation to participate. Benefits the AuSable Canoe Marathon. For more information call 348-8901

Lake Margrethe Access: Boat ramps at McIntyre's Landing and Camp Grayling, public access on M-72 West.

11 am to 5 pm: Music by Thane Doremire

11 am to 5 pm: Snowshoe demos by Atlas and Cartwright & Danewell. In the main lodge

11 am to 5 pm: Kids snowshoe obstacle course--up to eight years old, at the end of the driveway. Festival button required.

11 am to 5 pm: Snowboard demos by Cartwright & Danewell. Come out and try on snowshoes and snowboards. All you need is a festival button.

11 am: Snowshoe clinic by David "Hoot" Gibson from Atlas. Festival button required. Meet at the end of the driveway.

2 pm: Nature snowshoe walk by Hartwick Pines and Cartwright & Danewell. Learn to identify animal tracks and their winter habits. With festival button. Meet at Atlas display in the main lodge.

3 pm: How to dress for winter with Herb Clevenger. Meet at the Atlas display at end of driveway.

5 pm: \$1 downhill ski night, sponsored by Gannon Broadcasting Y100.3 WGRY & Decades 101.1 WQON

5:30 pm: Group downhill FREE ski lesson with festival button. Meet at the Bunny Hill

6:45 pm: Torch parade by the Grayling High School ski team, to open Business Olympics

7 pm: Business Olympics by Gannon Broadcasting Y100.3 WGRY & Decades 101.1 WQON. Your business team should join in this exciting triathlon event. Call 517-348-6171 to register

7:30 pm: Downhill ski races--all ages. Meet at the top of the Bowl next to the race shack

Sunday, February 9, 1997

8 to 11:30 am: Grayling Youth Booster Club Breakfast. \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Breakfast includes: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Juice and Coffee

10 to 11 am: SKI WITH THE STARS with Rosignal Cross-Country Ski Team--by the Cross Country Ski Shop. Ski the Blue and Green trail with the experts, meet at the cross-country ski lodge

10:30 to 11:30 am: Practice session--Snowshoe Archery Challenge. Meet at Bear's Bowman Archery building. Equipment will be provided

11 am to 3 pm: Snowshoe demos by Atlas and Cartwright & Danewell. In the main lodge

11 am to 5 pm: Kids snowshoe obstacle course--up to eight years old, at the end of the driveway. Festival button required.

11 am to 5 pm: Snowboard demos by Cartwright & Danewell. With festival button, in main lodge

12 noon to 3 pm: Chili Cook Off Vote for your favorite chili for \$1. In the main room of the main lodge. Sponsored by Gannon Broadcasting Y100.3 WGRY & Decades 101.1 WQON

12 noon to 3 pm: History of Hanson Hills display in the main lodge by the Historical Society

12:30 to 2:30 pm: Snowshoe Archery Challenge. Meet at the softball field. One-mile run (total) on snowshoes, with three targets. 9-16 years, \$3, 10-yard targets. 17 & up, \$7, 15-yard targets. Three-person teams, \$12, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies. Ribbons for all participants.

11 am to 5 pm: Kids snowshoe obstacle course by Atlas and Cartwright & Danewell. 8 years and under. Teach the little ones how fun the outdoors is. Festival button required.

1 pm: Citizens Bank downhill obstacle race. Everyone welcome. Meet at the top of the bowl next to the race shack

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Weekly Update

Groundhog's Day is over once again, I don't know if he saw his shadow or not, but I can pretty much assure you there will be at least six more weeks of winter. However, as the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, the bluegill fishing will improve.

The Winter Wolf Challenge will be going on this weekend. This event will mostly take place out at Hanson Hill's. There will be lots of action for all, so get out there and enjoy yourselves!!

The rabbit hunters have been finding a few bunnies here and there, but mostly they seem to fall prey to the predators, of which there seem to be many!!

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: *The best way to care for anything is to realize it might be lost.*

The folks are having a wonderful time playing "pantry bingo" on Fridays. The group starts at 1 o'clock and are through around 3 p.m., so come join the fun and win a few groceries.

A very special invitation from the Shawano Center to all the seniors to come for breakfast on Feb. 11 at 9:20. The seniors are car-pooling from the center and will leave at 8:45. Later that day, at 12:30, the group will have its Valentine's dance, so come on over and have fun dancing to the strains of the "mouldy oldies."

Happenings at the Center: Commodities pick-up on Wednesday, Feb. 5, and "BK" bingo at 12:30 — Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m. Feb. 7 — Share sign-up on Feb. 10 with dominoes at 5:30 p.m. — Birthday luncheon at 12:30 on Feb. 12 — Foot clinic and blood pressures taken from 11 a.m. to

noon on Feb. 13 — Sunday, Feb. 16, is Potluck at 4 p.m.

Please call for an appointment if you need help with your taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning on Feb. 11.

Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, need help or just for fun (308 Lawndale — 348-7123 or toll free 1-888-355-4500). Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you ... you should become to us!

Join the commission for meals. The meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; soup served on Monday and Wednesday, and bread, juice and milk offered at each meal. It is only \$1.50 donation for seniors, and \$3 for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

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| 10—Chicken Kiev/Spaghetti w/
meatsauce | |
| 11—Stuffed Peppers/Wiener
Schnitzel | |
| 12—Pork Steak/Chicken Pot Pie | |
| 13—Baked Ham/Beef Stew | |
| 14—Meatloaf/no dinner | |

A monthly drop also happened in government as temporary workers finished with November elections. The highest monthly growth in employment was posted in non-professional services as area resorts started hiring for the winter tourism season.

Gains were also evident in retail

County unemployment down for December

trade, as department store growth due to the opening of two new Wal-Marts and the pending Christmas holiday outpaced seasonal declines in all other retail trade.

Compared with a year ago, wage and salary employment has grown by 5,425 jobs or 3.1 percentage points in the region. Over the year job growth in retail trade was the greatest with 1,875 new positions posted, which was a gain of 4.6 percent.

Private services had the second highest increase in additional jobs with employment growing by 1,650 people or 3.9 percent. Gains incurred in both durable and non-durable goods sectors offset declines, giving employment in manufacturing a slight net gain over the year of 325 jobs or 1.0 percentage point.

Government jobs grew by 525 or 1.7 percent annually, boosted by gains in local government. Construction continued to show good improvement over the year with an increase of 625 jobs or 6.7 percent.

The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during December was recorded in Cheboygan County at 16.5 percent, while the lowest rate was in Grand Traverse County at 4.2 percent.

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OBITUARIES

Brian Southard

Brian J.C. Southard, 36, of Grayling died at his residence on Feb. 1, 1997. He was born in Gross Pointe on March 27, 1960 to Harold & Gretchen (Bates) Southard, now of Grayling.

Mr. Southard, who previously resided in St. Clair Shores, lived in Grayling for 18 years and supervised the Fly Factory during the early 1980s. He loved the outdoors and was an avid fly fisherman and an accomplished fly. He supplied flies for the Fly Factory.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Carol and husband Alex Marenko of Grayling, Nancy Birnie-Visscher of Cadillac; and one brother, Stephen and wife Cecilia Southard of Grayling.

The funeral was held at 4:30 on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. Reverend J. Douglas Paterson was the officiating clergyman. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling in the spring.

The family suggests memorials to National Audubon Society, 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.

Isabella Bayliss

Isabella D. Bayliss, 75, of Grayling, died Feb. 1, 1997.

She was born Dec. 1, 1921.

Mrs. Bayliss was the beloved wife of Milton, dear aunt of Bruce Feldmann, and dear sister-in-law of Edna Feldmann.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 3, in Oxford.

Raymond Sculley

Raymond G. Sculley, 69, of Grayling died at The Meadows of Grayling on Jan. 31, 1997.

He was born in Grand Rapids on Jan. 26, 1928, to Gerard and Josephine (Murphy) Sculley.

Mr. Sculley was a resident of Grayling for 12 years, moving here from Lansing where he was employed as a lab technician for Michigan State University before retiring. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Mr. Sculley was preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving are sons, Mark Sculley of Port Huron, James Sculley of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Peter and wife Cheryl Sculley of East Ridge, Tennessee; sister Joann Boomgaard of Grand Haven; grandchildren Keith Gurnsey, Julie Sculley, Richard Gurnsey, Adam Sculley, Jenifer Dickerson, and Laura Hale; and great-grandchild Abigail Hale.

No funeral services were performed.

Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel of Grayling.

Betty Sexton

Betty L. Sexton, 72, died Jan. 29, 1997, at her residence in South Branch Township.

She was born on April 21, 1924, in Butte, Montana, to John and Louise (Porter) Campbell; both parents are deceased.

Mrs. Sexton moved to South Branch 17 years ago from Ann Arbor. She was retired from her occupation as a microfilm technician, and was an avid CBer.

Mrs. Sexton was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1993; daughter, Stella Pepper; daughter-in-law, Colleen Sexton.

Surviving are two sons, James Sexton and wife Pat of Howell and Daniel Sexton of Coppell, Texas; four daughters, Barbara and husband Ernie Crawford of Waterloo, South Carolina; Glenda and husband Chuck Myers of Saline; Sandra and husband Ron Neff of Dexter, and Sharon and husband Carl Dicks of Tecumseh; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. Reverend J. Douglas Paterson was the officiating clergy. Burial will take place in the spring at Pioneer Cemetery in South Branch Township.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

Mary Stalnaker

Mary Emma Stalnaker, 81, of Grayling died at White Oak Manor in Mid on Feb. 1, 1997.

She was born in Muskegon on Oct. 4, 1915 to Herman and Marie (Wirth) Bertl.

Mrs. Stalnaker was previously a homemaker from the Roscommon area.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles H. Stalnaker in 1985, and grandson Rodrick Wehnes.

Surviving are daughter Genevieve and husband Roy Wehnes of Grayling; brother Fritz Bertl of Roscommon; grandson Patrick Wehnes of California; two great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Rock Cemetery in Roscommon. Arrangements were made by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon.

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CIRCUS TIME — For the last 25 years the AuSable Circus Shrine Club has taken a group of fifth graders to the Saginaw Shrine Circus. This year about 125 kids attended the event. A club member, the bus driver and some of the students that went got together for this picture. Shrine officials said next year's fifth graders will be treated to the same event.

Chemical Bank North names new directors

Chemical Bank North, an affiliate of Chemical Financial Corporation (NASDAQ:CHFC), has elected five new directors. Three of the new directors are Paul Lerg, assistant superintendent of the Crawford AuSable School District; Robert Jansen, president of Jansen Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in Roscommon; and Richard D. Hacker, owner/manager of Hacker's Yamaha & Honda in Houghton Lake. These new directors were chosen at a meeting of the bank's board of directors on Jan. 16.

In addition to his duties with the Crawford AuSable School District, Lerg is chairman of the board of trustees of Mercy Health Services North Community Healthcare System. He is also active in the Crawford County Community Health Partnership Task Force, the Crawford

Multipurpose Collaborative Body and the Grayling Rotary Club. He earned degrees at Michigan State University and Central Michigan University and attended the graduate school at the University of Michigan.

Jansen is a member of the board of education and treasurer of the Gerrish-Higgins School District and an executive boardmember of the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce. He is also active in a number of trade groups related to the construction industry. The new director is a graduate of Albion College.

A resident of Houghton Lake, Hacker has been active in the promotion of the sport of snowmobiling since the machines were first introduced to the market. He has also been active in the Houghton Lake Chamber of

Commerce, the Houghton Lake Merchants Association and the Houghton Lake Rotary Club. He is a graduate of Kirtland Community College in Roscommon.

Earlier, David B. Ramaker, president and chief executive officer of Chemical Bank and Trust Company in Midland, another Chemical Financial affiliate, and Thomas J. Alexander, executive vice president of that bank, were elected to Chemical Bank North's board. Ramaker was also elected chairman of the bank's board of directors replacing Alan W. Ott who retired as president and chief executive officer of Chemical Financial Corporation at the end of December.

Chemical Bank North operates full service banking offices in Grayling, Houghton Lake, Prudenville and Roscommon.

CHS expands services in five-county area

With the addition of a new counselor/educator, Anemari Stancil, to its staff, Catholic Human Services (CHS) has expanded on-site service in Ioseco, Ogemaw, and Roscommon counties and has added a second day per week in Crawford County. This allows CHS to enhance its programming, particularly in specialty services with high demand.

Stancil is a native of Grayling and has returned to this area with over 25 years of experience in general counseling and psychological testing. She has a Master's degree in clinical psychology from Central Michigan University, holds a Specialist in Gerontology, has World Board Certification in Hypnotherapy and is certified as an instructor by the

American Academy of Hypnosis. While she will be providing a wide range of family services, she has extensive experience in working with issues related to women and children. Of particular interest is her work with sexual abuse/assault, domestic violence, depression, self empowerment, and Attention Deficit Disorders.

This addition to the staff allows Catholic Human Services to serve more people on-site in its local communities. Following is the schedule of days and locations in the area: Monday, Houghton Lake, St. James Parish Family Center; Tuesday, Grayling, St. Mary Parish (former Office Building); 702 Peninsular Avenue (for additional hours call 1-800-506-3602); Wednesday, West Branch, St. Joseph Parish Convent; Thursday, Oscoda, Sacred Heart Parish Hall; Friday, East Tawas.

CHS is also expanding services to the Mio area. Please call 1-800-506-3602 for updated information.

Educational services are offered in addition to individual and group counseling. One of these instructional classes is open for registration now. CHS is now offering a six-week Assertiveness Training Class; two-hour classes on evenings or weekends. The classes are small with individualized attention. Call for cost and convenient class schedules.

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Barbara Hoepner of Prudenville, announces the arrival of Jonathan and Joshua, born Jan. 23, 1997.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period Feb. 6 through Feb. 12.

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on Feb. 6 through Feb. 12.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will begin on Feb. 6 through Feb. 8, and also Feb. 11 through Feb. 12.

For further information, call (517) 348-3708 or 1-800-628-5820.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

A pain in the foot

If walking has become painful and you can't figure out the reason why, you just may have an intermetatarsal neuroma (IMN). This is a condition that can affect anyone, although women tend to suffer from it more often than men. It may be caused by ill-fitting shoes, a trauma, inflammatory conditions such as arthritis, or repetitive stress from work or exercise activities. Symptoms may include numbness, burning, or pain that seems to shoot, stab, or radiate. These feelings are usually relieved by removing the shoe and resting and massaging the foot. The cause of IMN is the irritation of a nerve that serves the bottom of the toes. (The nerve between the third and fourth toes is the most common culprit.) The nerve enlarges, forming a tender, painful mass. Treatment may include a change in footwear, orthotics (shoe inserts), or, in severe cases, surgery.

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Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

Average Base: 12-15 inches. Surface Conditions: Excellent, freshly groomed, eight trails open. Deep track set, Snow Cat combed. Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. Lighted trail open Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, dusk til 9 pm. (517) 821-8861. Special Note: Serving hot chocolate and hot dogs on Saturdays in the Trapper's Cabin. Free skiing clinic Saturday, 4 pm, for classic and skating.

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1950'S SCENE — Shelley Wakefield, left, tries a sundae, while Steve and Debbie Stevens share a malt the old-fashioned way. Steven's was the perfect backdrop for the James Dean Day held in Grayling last week.



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FLASHBACK — Lanette King, left, and Paula Edlund got dressed up for the special 1950's day in Grayling last week. The two Framery employees dug up some of their old clothes to show their spirit for the occasion.

'James Dean' movie a success

Grayling residents and out-of-towners from as far away as Midland invaded downtown Grayling on Thursday, Jan. 30.

The "Step Back to the 50's" program was put on by the Crawford AuSable Community Education Program in the City of Grayling. The idea was a group effort of area businesses, corporations and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The concept was to bring back the era of the late 40's and 50's for one day. It was a planned recreation of New York's Radio City Music Hall of the 1950's.

Grayling residents, others and a bus load from Midland came to town to visit local shops, which had specials for the occasion. The idea was to provide an item at 1950's prices. Employees of some stores got into the act by dressing up in old wardrobes.

Based on the survey results of area residents, the people who attended were very enthusiastic about the event.

-- Robert J. Hannan,
Director of community education

The highlight of the event was the showing of the 1950 movie "Rebel Without a Cause", starring the very cool James Dean. The movie also starred Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo.

More than 100 persons attended the matinee show at 2 p.m. About 300 people showed up to watch James Dean on the big screen at the Rialto Theatre at the evening performance.

Kevin Bylsma provided the piano music during the event at the Grayling theatre. The Michigan Opera Theatre Singers joined in the fun, by singing old songs. The featured songs were from some of Hollywood's famous movies and shows of the era.

Based on the survey results of area residents, the people who attended were very enthusiastic about the event, said Robert J. Hannan, director of the community education program.

In fact, Hannan said the group is looking at doing something similar on the Fourth of July weekend.

Valentine Special

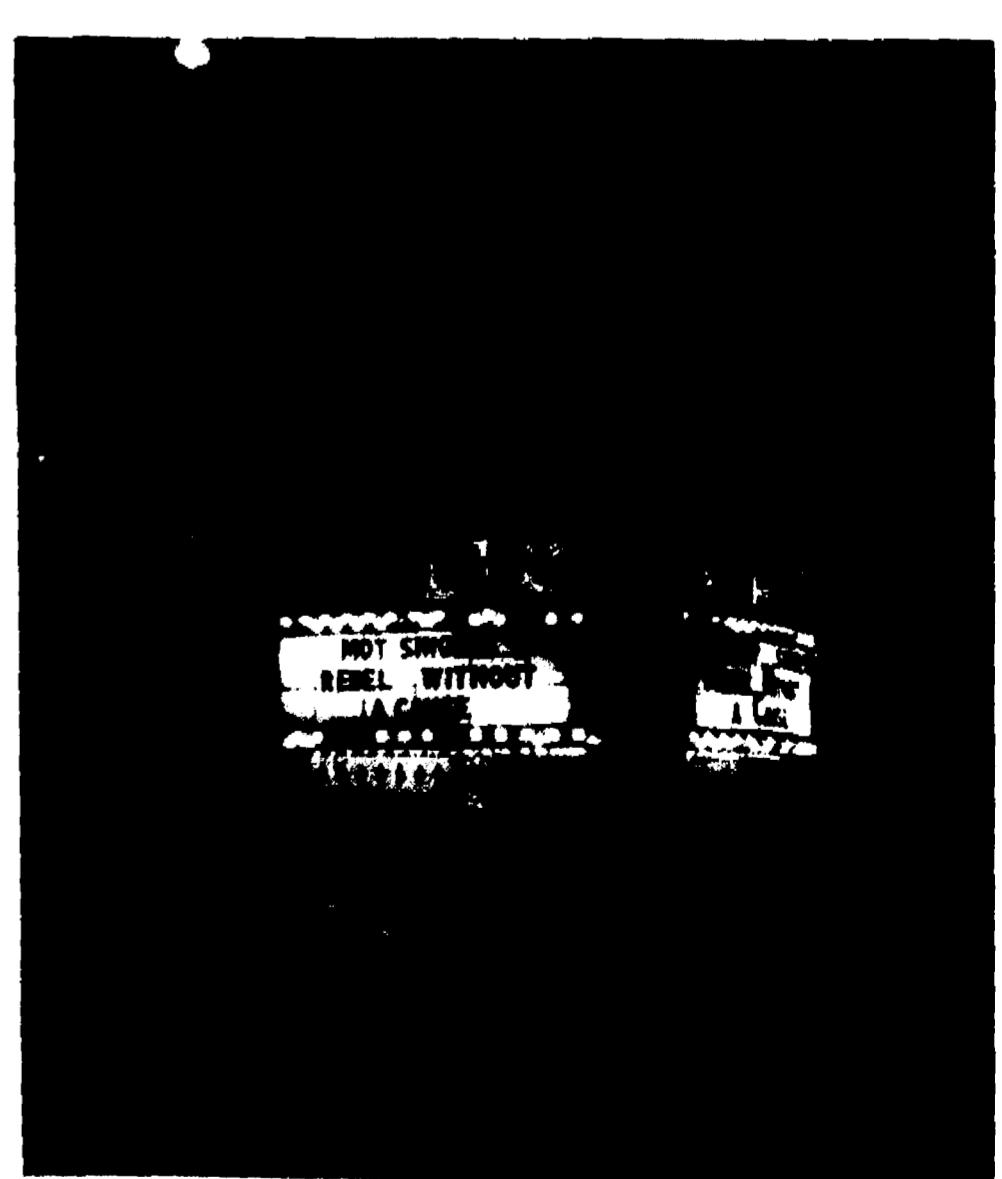
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SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

A monthly service to our Senior Citizens

Diet and exercise are key to seniors' health

As you age, it's important to get enough exercise and eat a healthful diet. But, experts say, "healthful diet" means different things to different people, especially when those people are over 65.

While the dietary key to good health for everyone is to eat a well-balanced diet of foods from all the food groups, older people have some special needs.

For instance, studies show that the elderly produce less stomach acid than younger people do, which interferes with the body's absorption of vitamins B-12 and B-6, folacin, iron, calcium and zinc.

Deficiencies in these nutrients can affect the nervous system and lead to depression and memory loss.

And insufficient calcium can cause osteoporosis, or loss of bone mass. When bones become thin and brittle, they break more easily.

Liver, red meat, poultry,

eggs, milk and shellfish supply vitamin B-12.

Whole grains, dried beans, red meat, poultry, potatoes, bananas, eggs and nuts provide vitamin B-6. Dairy products are a good source of calcium.

Exercise for health

Even for the elderly, exercise is essential for health, experts say.

Regular weight-bearing exercise deposits calcium in the bones, reducing the risk of osteoporosis. Exercise also helps people over 65 maintain muscle mass, facilitates respiratory function, mobility and ambulatory capacity, and improves overall strength.

Aerobic exercise promotes cardiovascular health.

Nutrition in an eggshell

Another essential for good health is maintaining normal body weight.

Experts recommend eating nutrient-dense foods — foods with a high proportion of nutrients to

cholesterol intake, use one egg and two egg whites per serving. Egg whites have no fat.

- Bake an egg in a green pepper or tomato.

'Lucky 7' casino trips planned

The "Lucky 7" van will make two trips this month — Thursday, Feb. 13 and 27 — weather permitting, of course. Call for reservations and ask for Jan — 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500. This is open to the general senior public,

so persons who want to go can give the Commission on Aging office a call. The cost of the trip is \$15 and lunch is up to you. Casino packages are available.

Bus leaves at 9:30 sharp.



Seniors invited to breakfast

The Shawano Center has the king-size cinnamon rolls. All seniors are invited for breakfast on Tuesday, and for those that might need a ride, just let the most people know, the Commission on Aging fellows put on a beautiful pancake breakfast with sausage and bacon and

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McCoy got a job on the railroad as a fireman who oiled the engine of the train. The train would have to stop to be relubricated which resulted in a loss of time.

In 1872 McCoy invented and patented a lubricating cup that supplied oil to the engine drop by drop.

His machine was so good, the competitors could not keep up. The expression "the real McCoy" derived from this.

Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall was born July 2, 1908 and died Jan. 24, 1993. In 1967, he became the first black member of the United States Supreme Court after being nominated by President Lyndon B. Johnson. He retired from the Supreme Court in 1991, citing

poor health.

Marshall graduated from Lincoln University and in 1933 graduated first in his class with a law degree from Howard University.

He practiced law in Baltimore, specializing in civil rights litigation. One of Marshall's landmark cases was Brown v. Board of Education (Topeka, Kansas, 1954). This case overturned the doctrine of separate but equal with which the court justified school segregation.

George Washington Carver

George Washington Carver was a black American botanist and chemist who helped bring prosperity to large areas of the impoverished southern United States.

In 1861, Carver was born a slave on a Missouri farm.

He was orphaned as an infant and freed at the end of the Civil War. He spent his early years in the household of his former owner, Moses Carver, whose name he adopted.

His education started in a one-room schoolhouse, but in 1889 he enrolled at Simpson College in Iowa. He earned the \$12 yearly tuition as a cook. He studied horticulture and earned a master's degree at Iowa State Agricultural College.

In 1896 he accepted an invitation from Booker T. Washington to head the newly formed department of agriculture at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

The rest of his life was spent in Alabama slowly creating a laboratory, rebuilding the exhausted land around the institute and conducting research.

Rosa Parks

Rosa Parks was often called "the mother of the civil rights movement". She was born Feb. 4, 1913 and started the 381-day Montgomery bus boycott that led to a 1956 U.S. Supreme Court order outlawing discriminatory practices on Montgomery busses.

In Dec. 1955, returning home from her assistant tailor job in Montgomery, Parks refused a bus driver's order to surrender her seat to a white man. She was jailed and fined \$14.

After the bus boycott, Parks was denied employment and moved to Detroit in 1957, where she worked as a seamstress and assisted the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

From 1965 to her retirement in 1988, she served as staff assistant to U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.)

Booker T. Washington

Booker Taliaferro Washington (April 5, 1856 - Nov. 14, 1915), was an American educator and a black leader.

As a child he worked in coal mines nine months a year and attended school for three months.

He worked his way through Hampton Institute, graduating in 1875. In 1881, he was appointed the first president of Tuskegee Institute.

Washington advocated training black people for trades to build up their economic position before fighting for integration and equality.

He believed that black people would advance only if they were educated.

Garret Morgan

Garrett Morgan invented the breathing hood (a gas mask). Afraid of non acceptance because he was a black man he presented himself as Big Chief Mason - a Native American.

He also invented a traffic signal with an intermediate position equivalent to the modern yellow light.

W.E.B. Du Bois

William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was born Feb. 23, 1868 and died Aug. 27, 1963. Du Bois was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Fisk and Harvard universities. In 1895, Du Bois earned a Ph. D. from Harvard. The first black

to be bestowed such an honor from the university.

To help end racial discrimination, Du Bois founded the Niagara Movement in 1905. The movement was a forerunner to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which he helped organize in 1909.

Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman was born in Dorchester County, Maryland in 1821. She was a fugitive slave and abolitionist who became a legendary figure of the underground railroad.

She was born to slave parents and escaped in 1849 to freedom by following the North Star. Throughout the 1850s she made repeated journeys into slave territory and lead 300 slaves, including her parents, to freedom.

When the Civil War began she served as an army cook and nurse and became a spy and guide for Union forays into Maryland and Virginia.

Upon her death, March 10, 1913, she was buried with full military honors.

Medgar Evers

Medgar Evers was born July 2, 1925. He was the first field secretary of the NAACP in the State of Mississippi.

During the 1950s and 60s he registered black voters and organized boycotts of firms that practiced racial discrimination.

He was shot and killed by a sniper June 12, 1963 in front of his home.

Nat Turner

Nat Turner was a black slave and preacher who led the most famous slave revolt in United States history.

In Virginia, 60 to 70 slaves killed 60 whites, but the Virginia Militia captured and hung 20 slaves, including Turner.

Angry whites killed 100 innocent slaves. The rebellion caused the south to pass strict laws for the control of slaves.

Turner was born on a plantation in Southampton County, Virginia. One owner taught him to read and write and his parents encouraged him to be educated and fight slavery.

Nathan Hale

Nathan Hale was a Yankee schoolteacher who was born in Coventry, Conn. June 6, 1755.

He became a spy for the American rebels during the American Revolution.

He was a 1773 graduate of Yale College and taught at East Haddam and New London, Conn. until July 1775, when he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Connecticut Militia.

Hale participated in the Siege of Boston in Jan. 1776 and was promoted to captain.

A member of Lt. Col. Thomas Knowlton's Rangers, he was transferred south with his unit to aid the American forces defending New York in anticipation of an invasion by the British general William Howe.

After the British victory in the Battle of Long Island (August 1776), Hale responded to Gen. George Washington's request for a volunteer to gather information about the British Army's plan and its troop strength.

Traveling as a school teacher Hale crossed the British lines and obtained information. As he was returning Hale was captured. Howe had Hale hanged the next morning (Sept. 22, 1776) without the benefit of a trial.

Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass was born a slave in Maryland approximately Feb. 1817. As a young man he was sent to Baltimore where he learned ship caulking.

Already schooled in the alphabet by his master's wife he taught himself to write by tracing the letters on the prows

of ships.

In 1838, with seaman's papers supplied by a free black, Douglass escaped to New Bedford, Mass.

Douglass was a strong orator and his speeches evolved from simple memories of slave life to a denunciation of slavery and a call for immediate abolition.

He traveled to the British Isles where he spent two years against slavery. His legal freedom was purchased in 1847 by British friends for 150 pounds. He then left London to resume the battle against slavery in the United States. He settled in Rochester, N.Y., where he founded his newspaper, *the North Star*.

When the Civil War came, Douglass fought for the enlistment of black men in the Union army and assisted in recruiting the 54th and 55th Massachusetts Colored Regiments, which later won distinction in battle.

Douglass died Feb. 20, 1895.

Jackie Robinson

Jackie Robinson was born Jan. 31, 1919 and was major league baseball's first black player.

He joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947 and helped lead the team to six World Series appearances in 10 years.

Rebecca Lee

Rebecca Lee was the first African-American female physician. She was born a free woman in Richmond, Va. in 1833.

In 1859, she enrolled in Boston's New England Female Medical College.

In 1864 she wrote "Doctoress of Medicine" and she published the "Book of Medical Discourses" in 1883. The discourses were to help women take care of themselves.

Benjamin Banneker

Benjamin Banneker was America's first African-American scientist. In 1731, he was born a free black man in Baltimore.

He helped survey land for Washington D.C. in 1791 and published almanacs predicting the rising and setting times of the moon, sun and other stars.

Oscar Dunn

Louisiana's Lt. Governor, Oscar Dunn was born in 1820 and died mysteriously in 1871.

He was well read, a great speaker and was a captain in the Union army.

He was a New Orleans councilman in 1866 and insisted on equal public education.

Dunn was a shoo-in for governor, but he died mysteriously in 1871. He was thought to have been poisoned.

Committee positions are open

Winning a general election is not the only way for residents to get involved in local government.

Another involvement is by applying for a committee position. This is another important category in the make-up of local government.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is currently looking for some interested and qualified applicants for three open positions on county committees.

Every time a committee position becomes available the county runs legal advertisements to seek applicants. The county is searching for some "new" applicants for these open committee positions.

Good government is one that contains a lot of different people with different ideas, said Crawford County Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke. The county is trying to get other people involved.

The county officials appreciate the county residents who continually apply for these positions, but Bretzke said they do not want to keep this method going.

"We are refusing to fill the positions with the same people over and over," Bretzke said. "We thank them, but we want to get some different people involved."

The three positions currently open are on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and the Economic Development Fund. Persons interested in any of these positions can respond to County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore. The deadline for applicants is Feb. 14.

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State tourism changes could affect area

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Recent announcements from state officials indicate that Michigan will look to aggressively compete for tourism business against other states.

This initiative is important to Crawford County due to the impact tourism has on this area and the northern Michigan region as a whole.

The new focus from the state will help state tourism officials compete with other states. The tourism industry in Michigan currently stands at a \$8 billion industry.

Due to a study on tourism by the Michigan Jobs Commission, Gov. John Engler has changed the name of the Michigan Travel Bureau to Travel Michigan, directed the agency to create a new marketing campaign and named a new director. The changes came on the heels of the study comparing Michigan's tourism efforts against those of key competitive states.

It is too early to say what the results of the changes will be, said Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling). The northern Michigan lawmaker believes it will make a difference.

According to Lowe, it sounds like the governor wants to change the way the tourism industry is going. Tourism

has not always been looked at as a significant industry in Michigan and "around here we know how significant it is," Lowe said.

The tourism industry and, especially, the spin-off business from tourism is big business in Crawford County and the surrounding area, Lowe said.

The Michigan Jobs Commission study was done on travel and tourism because these two items are becoming more important in the economy of the State of Michigan.

According to the study, one of the biggest strengths Michigan has in its current tourism structure is the fulfillment system. The study reads, "The fulfillment system that Michigan has pioneered is markedly better than the system most states have in place, in terms of its potential ability to deliver information, as well as record and track market data."

The item listed as the most underperformed item for Michigan tourism is "investment in people: reward programs."

The study reads, "Michigan is doing very little to support programs to encourage customer service attitudes in travel industry employees throughout the state compared to certain other states."



LOCALS DANCE IN BIG TIME — Five students from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance performed in Interlochen's Coppelia Ballet on Dec. 13-15. Jill St. Germain, Ashley Longendyke, Tara Papendick, Rose Grose and Heather Freeman had the honor of performing in Coppelia to large audiences attended by many local people. "It was a wonderful experience for the girls," said Tournaud. "They put in many hours of practice and I'm very proud of them." Pictured are the stars of Coppelia (back, from left) Alexis Martin, Addison O'Day, (front) Jill St. Germain and Ashley Longendyke.

Proposal affects area

A recent decision by Gov. John Engler concerning some northern Michigan land has two area law makers happy with the action from the state leader.

Engler made a decision to block development in the Jordan River Valley, Pigeon River State Forest, Sand Lakes Quiet Area, and Mason Tract. The Mason Tract is of significant importance to local residents, as it is located in Crawford County.

The controversy involving these wilderness areas began when the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) ruled that an Elmira businessman could drill for oil and gas on a 40-acre parcel Jordan River Valley, although the state generally requires an 80-acre minimum. The Jordan River Valley is located in Antrim County.

"I applaud the Engler administration for stepping up to the plate on this important environmental issue," said State Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling). "Northern Michigan residents have repeatedly expressed their concerns about developing places like the Jordan Valley. Their voices made a difference."

According to Lowe, the decision was made after the governor, DEQ director and the Department of Natu-

ral Resources director sat down and discussed the situation. They mentioned the four specific northern Michigan areas following the meeting.

A proposal on what will be done in the four areas is expected.

The Mason Tract, one of the areas involved, is a wilderness area which includes a portion of the south branch of the AuSable River. Donated to the state, the Mason Tract covers nearly 12 miles of the south branch and the only developed area is the state camp-ground.

The Mason tract, along with the other three areas, needs to be protected, Lowe said.

In addition to Lowe's support, State Sen. George McManus (R-Traverse City) also offered his backing of the Engler proposal to protect unique and pristine areas like the Jordan River Valley from oil drilling and development.

In reference to the Jordan River Valley, McManus believes the governor's proposal to purchase the owner's mineral rights could protect the sensitive area, save the state untold litigation costs, and avoid violating the state's constitutional prohibition against government confiscation of private property.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Question: As my parents grow older, I realize more and more how much I'd like to keep them around for awhile. Now I wish I'd given them something health related for Christmas. Do you have any suggestions for "healthy gifts" that I could consider for next year?

Signed: Health Advocate

Answer: Although the holidays maybe over, it's still not too late to give the gift of health and safety to loved ones. If you didn't think of this at Christmas time, how about for Valentine's Day, birthdays, or a wedding anniversary. Here are a few health and safety type items that would make excellent gifts. When choosing something from this list, keep in mind your parent's age, health and physical limitations as necessary.

Give the gift of good nutrition which could include bathroom scales, healthy cookbooks, fruit baskets and restaurant gift certificates. Nutritional needs can vary as parents move from middle years to golden years. Some parents may be on special diets that regulate fats and reduce sugar or sodium. These individuals could benefit from special cookbooks that convert recipes to calories, fat grams, sodium content, etc. Some senior citizens may be conscious of increased pounds as the years go by and may need a scale to help control weight. Other seniors without specific health problems may not be eating well simply due to lack of companionship. Restaurant gift certificates, food items, or an invitation to your home may be the added boost they need to increase the appetite.

Give the gift of home safety such as night lights, lights that are activated by power failures, smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, skid-proof rugs and bath mats, secure step stools, stair lights, corner protectors and carbon monoxide

detectors. Seniors are often the victims of both falls and fires and can put the above items to good use. They should also be warned not to wear robes or nightwear while cooking since loose sleeves and stove burners are a potentially deadly combination.

Give the gift of physical activity by selecting exercise inducements such as videos for seniors, exercise equipment, health club memberships, walking shoes, comfortable exercise clothing, etc. People of all ages can gain numerous health benefits from regular exercise including increased flexibility, muscle strength, coordination and balance as well as decreased risk of many chronic diseases. (Individuals over 40 and those of any age with health problems should consult a physician before undertaking a new exercise program.)

Give the gift of safety on the road by choosing travel safety items such as car phones, emergency kits, blanket and gloves, small shovel, decoders, and special supplies for stranded motorists. Since Michigan winters are often treacherous and unpredictable, these items are a welcome gift for motorists of any age, and especially senior citizens who are susceptible to hypothermia if stranded in a car.

Other health conscious gifts that might be appreciated include: blood pressure monitoring equipment, heating pads/hot water bottles, nicotine patches for smokers, lap robes, etc. Or, introduce your parents to a new hobby by giving gardening tools, a special pet, dance lessons or some other activity which could have both mental and physical benefits.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Parenting groups offered at New Life

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This is how the Reverend Jacqueline Guernsey, counselor and teacher, describes the job of parenting. New Life Community Service in Grayling, offers parenting support and education through the Strong Families/Safe Children Program. Classes begin the second week of February.

"The dilemma for many parents," said Guernsey, "is that the only models we have for parenting come from our own parents. We want our children to love us, so we become too permissive and therefore teach selfishness and manipulation; or we want to protect our children and become too controlling, thus courting rebellion."

The goal of these classes is to look at a better way of preparing the children to become successful adults. Youngsters need to take responsibility

for their own behavior, have a sense of self-worth, and have the ability to make intelligent decisions. Young people with these skills are much less likely to fall prey to the dark side of society.

The facilitator of the parenting groups, Jacqueline Guernsey, is a parent of four children, has been a public school teacher for 26 years, and a family counselor for eight years.

How to develop cooperation, positive relationships, self-confidence, and independence for all family members, are some of the topics that will be discussed. These parenting skills will be taught on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., starting Feb. 12 and going through March 19. There is a \$10 registration fee which covers two individual sessions and six group sessions. Persons who are interested can call New Life Community Service at 517-348-2544.

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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 6, 1997

Junior Miss puts on the ritz

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 Grayling High School juniors put on the ritz at the Grayling Junior Miss Scholarship Program.

The contestants were Deanna Fleischmann, daughter of Mary Ann Fleischmann and James Frick; Nicole Craigie, daughter of Carol Craigie; Melanie Green, daughter of Karl and Cheri Green; Mandi Kucharek, daughter of Patrick Kucharek and Margaret Kucharek; Jamie Reed, daughter of Therese Kaiser and Randy Reed; Amy Martella, daughter of Ed Martella and Jody Hinkle; Haggain Devine, daughter of Patrick and Terri Devine; Jamie Tobias, daughter of Julie Helsel and Larry Tobias; Ashley Wakeley, daughter of Jim and Debbi Knowles; and Melissa Ostwald, daughter of Chris and Tim Ostwald.

Melissa Ostwald was crowned the 1997 Grayling Junior Miss. The first runner-up was Ashley Wakeley. The second runner-up was Jamie Reed.

The Evening Gown Award went to Deanna Fleischmann.

The Talent Award went to Deanna Fleischmann and Ashley Wakeley.

The Fitness Award went to Melissa Ostwald.

The Scholastic Achievement Award also went to Melissa Ostwald.

The Spirit Award was awarded to Jamie Reed.

Contestants were judged based on a panel evaluation (25 percent), scholastic achievement (20 percent), creative and performing arts (25 percent), poise and appearance (15 percent) and physical fitness (15 percent).

The fitness competition was completed in two groups of five. The routine was choreographed by Cathy Hehir and performed to "Phantom of the Opera" by Harajuku.

In the poise and appearance portion of the program contestants were escorted on the stage and presented a bouquet of flowers. The contestants and their escorts are as follows:

Amy Martella - Ed Martella; Haggain Devine - Patrick Devine; Jamie Tobias - Jay Dannenberg; Ashley Wakeley - James Knowles; Melissa Ostwald - Tim Ostwald; Deanna Fleischmann - James Frick; Nicole Craigie - Chuck Mitchell; Melanie Green - Carl Green; Mandi Kucharek - Pat Kucharek; and Jamie Reed - Randy Reed.

During the creative and performing arts portion of the competition, group one (contestants one through five) was introduced by group two (contestants

six through 10), and vice versa. The contestants and their talents are as follows:

Deanna Fleischmann (flute - Concerto in G Major by Quantz); Nicole Craigie (self-written poem "No Goodbyes"); Melanie Green (the Polynesian Dance); Mandi Kucharek (poem "Nighttime Melody"); Jamie Reed (flag routine to "Love Remastered");

Amy Martella (flute - tribute to great composers Mozart's "Serenade No. 13 in G Major"); Haggain Devine (line dance to "I Feel Lucky"); Jamie Tobias (skit - My Future Life); Ashley Wakeley (jazz dance to "Dreamer"); and Melissa Ostwald (self-written piano piece "Melissa's Secret").

Also performing at the program was Little Miss Crawford County 1996 Stacey Brown. She is the daughter of Jim and Roxanne Brown and a fourth grader at Grayling Elementary School. She performed a jazz dance to "The Bomb" by the Busket Heads.

Miss Pre-Teen Crawford County 1996 Shayla Moore performed a jazz dance to "Megablast" by the Real McCoy. Moore is the daughter of Steve and Sandra Moore and a sixth grader at Grayling Middle School.

Miss Teen Crawford County 1996 Brandi McClain, daughter of Dave and Gail McClain, performed a lyrical routine to "Unchained Melody" by the Righteous Brothers.

Kate Brunskill performed a monologue "Kate, the Beautiful Step-sister".

Before the winners were announced Stacey Rosin-Gay sang "Count on Me".

Those involved in the production of the program were as follows:

Sandy Moore, director; Deb Weaver, assistant director; contestant coordinator, Jodi Potter; Louise Tournaud, choreography; Cathy Hehir, fitness; Mary Kay Cosmetics, make-up;

Bev Shinoski, hair styles; Northern Litho, program/tickets; Tom Haskel, photographs; Flowers by Josie, flowers; Grayling Honor Society, ushers;

Sam Moore, backstage; Tom Hinderleider, curtain; Ravi Ramaswamy, Mike Bobenmoyer, Andy Radzwion, lights and sound; Mary Neil, showcase and Sue Ritter, video.



AWAITING THE VERDICT -- Contestants at the 1997 Grayling Junior Miss program await the announcement of the program winners.

photo by Lisa Hofman



HELP WITH THE SASH -- Deb Weaver (right) helps Grayling Junior Miss First Runner-up, Ashley Wakley, attach her sash.

photo by Lisa Hofman



POSED FOR PERFECTION -- Amy Martella walks across the stage during the poise and appearance (evening gown) portion of the 1997 Grayling Junior Miss program.

photo by Lisa Hofman



SECOND RUNNER-UP -- Jamie Reed (left) is helped on with her second runner-up sash by Grayling Junior Miss 1996 Kate Brunskill.

photo by Lisa Hofman



BLOWING OUT THE CANDLES -- Jamie Tobias blows out the candles on her creative and performing arts skit "My Future Life".

photo by Lisa Hofman



ANSWERING QUESTIONS

-- Haggain Devine answers her randomly picked question during the poise and appearance part of the Grayling Junior Miss program.

photo by Lisa Hofman



WINNING GOWN -- Deanna Fleischmann (right) and Nicole Craigie show the judges their evening gowns during the poise and appearance portion of the Grayling Junior Miss program.

Fleischmann won the evening gown trophy for her ensemble.

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DANCING HER TALENT -- Melanie Green dances a Polynesian Hula for her creative and performing arts portion of the 1997 Grayling Junior Miss program.

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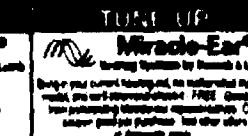
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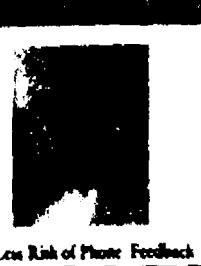
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CRAWFORD COUNTY SPORTS

Skiers have mixed results on Crystal Mountain, Nub's Nob

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School Ski Team had an up and down week.

"This was a real inconsistent week. Some had the fastest runs and then fell, or posted poor results. It is frustrating for skiers, teammates and coaches. Hopefully, it is out of their system because league and regional meets are approaching," said coach Mike Wieland.

At Crystal Mountain on Monday, Jan. 27, the Viking girls placed fourth and the boy's team finished eighth.

The girls were led by Katie Olson who placed 11th in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom.

Kim Hartman placed 14th in the

slalom and 20th in the giant slalom.

Brooke Ginther came in 18th and 25th. Jenni Jurkovich placed 22nd and 31st.

Amanda Febey placed 27th in the slalom, but was disqualified in the giant slalom.

Kristen Kearney was disqualified in the slalom and was 29th in the giant slalom.

At Nub's Nob on Thursday, Jan. 30, the girls came in second behind Harbor Springs and in front of Elk Rapids.

The top girl was Katie Olson placing fourth in both slalom and giant slalom.

Kim Hartman was next placing fifth in slalom and sixth in giant slalom.

"Brooke Ginther continues to finish strong from the end of the running

order, finishing sixth in slalom and 10th in giant slalom," Wieland said.

The boys team saw Travis Hopp turn in the single fastest runs in giant slalom in both meets only to crash in one and ski slowly in the other run for mixed results.

"Travis sort of sets the tone for the team and they skied more inconsistent this week than ever," Wieland said.

The top boys finisher at Crystal Mountain was Eric Thompson placing 17th in slalom and 28th in giant slalom.

Jason Steele was 31st in slalom and 14th in giant slalom.

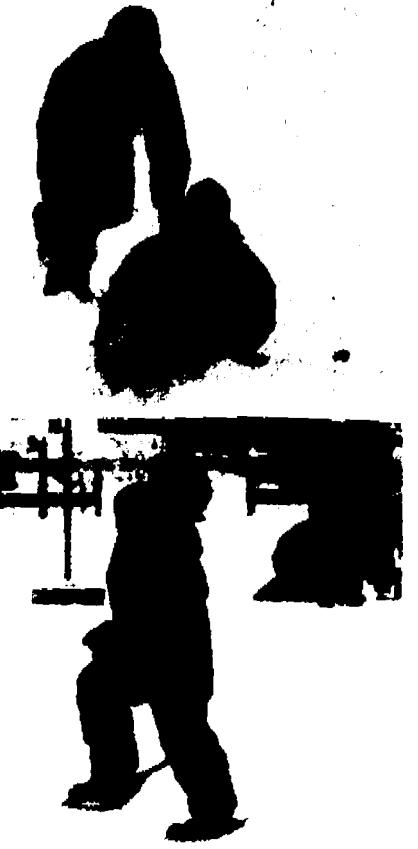
Jason Boreo placed 29th and 35th. Josh Mueller was 45th and 31st.

Clark Wilcox placed 40th and 47th and Travis Hopp was disqualified in both runs.

The top boys finisher at Nub's Nob

was Eric Thompson placing sixth in slalom and 14th in giant slalom.

Josh Mueller was 14th in slalom and 17th in giant slalom. Travis Hopp was third in giant slalom and disqualified in slalom.



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**Skiing
Eric Thompson**

Viking sophomore Eric Thompson was chosen Viking of the Week for being the top skier for the week, finishing in all four races to lead the scoring for the boys' team.

Holiday Inn

Viking
of the week



**Skiing
Kristin Kearney**

Viking sophomore Kristin Kearney was chosen Viking of the Week because her two finishes in giant slalom helped the girls to their 4th and 2nd places.

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS --
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Vikings have third quarter blues

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School varsity boys basketball team took on Kalkaska on Tuesday, Jan. 28, Onaway on Friday, Jan. 31, and Lincoln-Alcona Monday, Feb. 3.

The Vikings played the Blue Blazers tough in the first quarter and worked hard to move the ball offensively. At the end of the first quarter the Vikings were down 19-14.

GHS slacked off in the beginning of the second quarter, but gave a great effort the last two minutes. The Vikings made their shots and hit their free throws.

They played a better interior defense, but still trailed the Blue Blazers 34-29.

In the first half the Vikings outrebounded Kalkaska 13-10.

When the third quarter opened the Vikings' trouble began. They struggled offensively with Kalkaska coming out and hitting their first four of five shots to open up a 13-point lead.

The Vikings only scored four points in the first 6:30. The Vikings scored six points in the last 1:30 to trail 52-39 by the end of the third quarter.

The Vikings were hurt by inside rebounding and second chance shots.

The Vikings continued to struggle in the fourth quarter and lost 69-52.

The Vikings finished with 25 rebounds, but only 17 turnovers.

Kalkaska had 23 rebounds and 15 turnovers.

The Vikings were lead in scoring by Brad Larm and Travis Parkinson who had 10 points each.

Nate Hinkle and Brad Ritter each added nine.

The Vikings hosted Onaway and were struggling in the first half until the offense locked in and Brad Larm and Dave Sabin hit some shots near the end of the second quarter.

Larm hit a three-point shot and two two-point shots. Sabin hit a tough jump shot and added another to help pull the Vikings to within four points.

The Vikings trailed 26-22.

The third quarter was once again a humdrum one for the Vikings.

Good defense by both teams, but also poor shooting by the Vikings allowed the Cardinals to open up a 36-25 lead at the end of the third quarter.

In the third quarter, the Vikings only scored three points.

The fourth quarter saw the Vikings claw back into the game. With some clutch free throws by Nate Hinkle the Vikings pulled within three points, but the Cardinals held off the Vikings for a 49-45 win.

The unofficial statistics for scoring

are Brad Larm with 15 points and Nate Hinkle with eight.

The Grayling Vikings finished with a 46-43 loss to Lincoln-Alcona.

Nate Hinkle was the leading scorer with 17. Ben Haskel and Brad Larm added six points. Dave Sabin had five points. Sam Modica scored four points. Eli Tobin scored three points and Brad Ritter scored two points.

Brad Larm lead the team in steals with three.

Grayling outrebounded Lincoln-Alcona 25-22. Brad Larm brought down eight of those rebounds.

Brad Larm was also the assists leader with four.

The Vikings traveled to Gaylord on Tuesday, Feb. 4, and host East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 7.



DRIVING TO THE HOOP -- Dave Sabin (50), a member of the Grayling High School varsity basketball team, looks to drive to the basket.

photo by Craig Hofman



PUSHING PAST THE DEFENSE -- Travis Parkinson, a member of the Grayling High School varsity basketball team, drives past his defender during a recent game.

photo by Craig Hofman



REBOUND -- Brad Larm (42), a member of the Grayling High School varsity basketball team, tries to rebound the basketball after a missed shot by the Viking's opponent.

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PULLED UP -- Freshman Eli Tobin was recently pulled up to the Grayling High School varsity basketball team.

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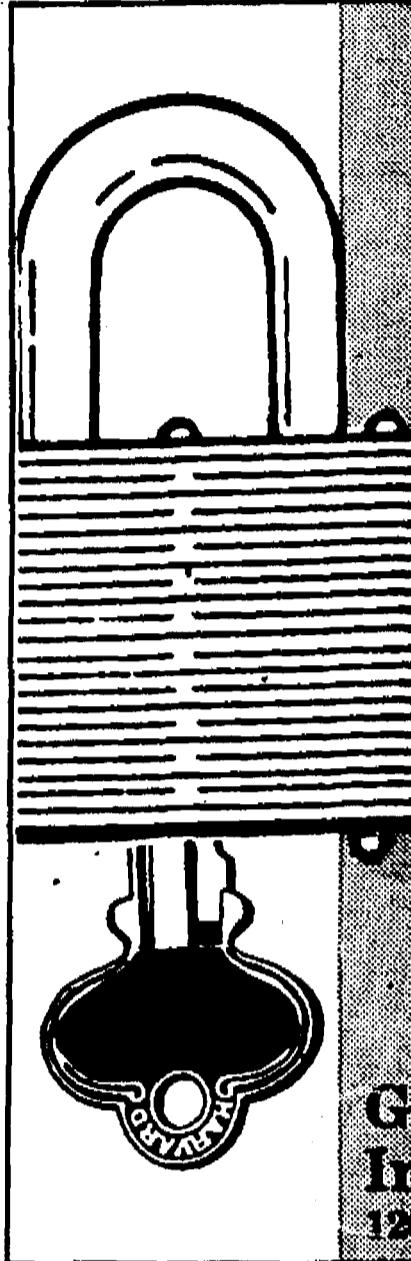
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OLD KENT

Freshman go 1-1 for the week

by Craig Hofman
 Sports Writer

The Grayling High School freshman basketball team went 500 on the week with a loss to Kalkaska and a victory over East Jordan.

The Vikings traveled to Kalkaska on Monday, Jan. 27, and fought hard, but lost 61-58 in overtime.

"We lost to Kalkaska the first game of the season and our team was hungry for this game. It was important because it enabled us to gauge our progress this year," said coach Doug Simons.

"Our team played with a lot of heart and kept their focus on the game,"

Simons said.

Brian McCrudy lead the Vikings with 17 points. Josh Brannan added 13 and Dave Hawkins scored 12 points.

On Wednesday, Jan. 30 the Vikings traveled to East Jordan and came away with a 50-31 victory.

"We had trouble getting on track offensively and East Jordan worked hard," said coach Simons.

The Vikings were lead by Brad Wilson who scored 17 points, followed by Dave Hawkins scoring 15 points.

"Tim Ormsbee scored six points coming off the bench and did a nice all around job," Simons said.



FOR THE PIN — Jason Dasho (heavyweight) attempts to put his opponent's shoulders to the mat in recent action.

Record broken by mid-weight grapplers

by Eric Gaertner
 News Editor

Coach Don Ferguson has been saying all season long that the middle-weight wrestlers on his Grayling wrestling team are very good and lead the team in most events.

The five wrestlers ranging from 125 pounds to 145 pounds proved just how good they are on Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Whittemore-Prescott Tournament.

The five Viking grapplers — Eddie Davis, Dave Shepherd, Ben Malonen, Jason Hall and Josh Taylor — set a new school record for the Grayling wrestling program. This is the first time in school history that five consecutive wrestlers earned first place in a tournament.

The Whittemore-Prescott Tournament was a very tough event with many strong wrestling programs represented. Even with the five individual champion performances, the Vikings had to settle for third place as a team because of the strong competition.

Rochester Adams won the tournament with a total of 199 points. The host team, Whittemore-Prescott, earned a second-place finish nosing out Grayling. The Cardinals finished with 167.5 points and the Vikings ended up with 166 points.

Davis (125) started the five-man championship streak for Grayling, and capped an incredible week of wrestling with the first-place finish.

Davis started his week by completing one of his goals for the season. He defeated Tim Shalm from Tawas, who was a state placer last year, by the score of 5-4. The two wrestlers met again on Saturday. Davis continued his winning streak by defeating Shalm again by a score of 8-3.

Shepherd (130) kept things going by dominating his weight division. He finished with three straight pins to win the championship. Ferguson said Shepherd had one great day.

Malonen (135) is another Viking who dominated his weight class. In the 133-pound final match, Malonen pinned his opponent from Flint Mount Morris in the first period.

"Ben is a very determined and aggressive wrestler," Ferguson said.

Hall (140) used a little bit of revenge to earn his championship.

Last year Hall lost to D.J. Olson from Rochester Adams in the finals. Olson was a state qualifier last year in division one. This set the stage for a battle this year.

Hall got his revenge by defeating Olson 7-4 in the finals this year.

Taylor (145) ended the five-champion streak for the Vikings. He had a very hard fought battle with his opponent from Whittemore-Prescott. According to Ferguson, Taylor's excellent conditioning paid off and enabled him to put this opponent on his back in the third period to claim victory.

The team also got help from Josh Niederer (112), who placed second,

and Matt Evon (103), who placed fourth. Both wrestlers are freshmen who turned in great performances.

"You will hear a lot about these two freshmen in the wrestling news in the years to come," Ferguson said.

Joe Mederios (152) also placed near the top, finishing third. Also scoring team points at the tournament were Nate Niederer (162) and Brandon Gabrial (189).

The Vikings took care of both matches in a tri-meet at Tawas on Thursday, Jan. 30. Grayling defeated Alpena, 51-24, and Grayling got by Tawas, 42-23.

Josh Niederer, Davis, Shepherd, Malonen, Hall, Taylor and Mederios finished with two wins apiece. Evon, Dana Beckwith and Nate Niederer each won one match.

Holiday Inn Viking of the week

Eddie Davis
Dave Shepherd
Ben Malonen
Jason Hall
Josh Taylor

Wrestling

These five Viking wrestlers were chosen Viking of the Week because they became the first Grayling wrestlers in history, to win consecutive championships at the same tournament.

MILITARY NEWS

Paul Bobenmoyer

Air Force Senior Airman Paul Bobenmoyer has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan.

Bobenmoyer is a jet propulsion turboprop specialist with the 374th Maintenance Squadron.

He is the son of Donald E. and Elaine Bobenmoyer of Grayling.

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Local spikers to host tourney

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

After spending most of the season on the road with a few home games once in a while, the Grayling volleyball team has hit the home stand portion of its schedule.

The Vikings were scheduled to take on Lincoln-Alcona at home on Wednesday, Feb. 5. The local spikers host another meet on Thursday, Feb. 6. The big meet of the season comes Saturday, Feb. 8, with the Grayling Subway Invitational Tournament. The home stand continues on Monday, Feb. 10, against Gladwin.

One of the highlights of the Grayling volleyball schedule is the Grayling Subway Invitational. The team hosts the event at the high school gym beginning at 9 a.m.

The eight teams in the tournament will be split into two pools. The top two teams from each pool will advance to championship round play in the afternoon.

Coach Rebecca Brown said one team to watch out for at the tournament will be Roscommon. According to Brown, Roscommon is playing very good volleyball coming into the event.

Other teams at the annual event include Gaylord, Charlevoix, Beaverton and Lake City.

The Viking spikers set themselves up for a successful home stand by

winning their last away meet prior to the stretch of home games. Grayling swept the first three games from East Jordan to win the match.

The scores in the match were 15-4, 15-11, and 15-11. The match took place on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

"It was a great victory," Brown said, "because everyone contributed. We worked together and played in sync."

Contribution off of the Grayling bench came in the form of Rebecca Shahan and Melissa Ostwald. Shahan came in at the middle blocker position after Erin Smith had to leave the match due to sickness. Ostwald entered the match and did a great job of passing the ball off of tough serves from the opponent.

Amy Godlewski finished the match with a great all-around performance. She led the team in sets with 30 and serves with 17. In fact, Godlewski was a perfect 17-for-17 on serves.

Godlewski also reached double digits in spikes with 10 and passes with 12. Brown said Godlewski has been serving bullets and she is hitting the ball really well.

Nicole Craigie led the Vikings with seven blocks in the three-game match.

Jessica St. Germain added to the up-front attack, leading the team with 15 spikes. Jessica Waite was the team leader in passes with 20.

Holiday Inn Viking of the week



Volleyball Amy Godlewski

Viking junior Amy Godlewski was chosen Viking of the week for being a good, solid, all-around player. She loves to hit, but has also been one of the top setters on the team.

Junior Varsity earns victories

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School junior varsity basketball team won two games last week.

The Vikings defeated Kalkaska on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at home by having a strong second half.

The Vikings struggled in the first half getting out-rebounded 22-13 by the Blue Blazers.

The second half saw the Vikings come out and turn the tables on the Blue Blazers and out-rebounded them 13-9 which helped lead to a Viking victory.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Nathan Beckwith with 23 points.

Travis Huber added 13 and Mike Ostwald poured in nine, second half points.

On Friday, Jan. 31, the Vikings hosted the Onaway Cardinals and defeated them 59-47.

The Vikings, once again came out of the gate slow, only scoring nine points in the first quarter.

Fortunately due to good defense the Vikings held the Cardinals to 11 points.

The second quarter started out good for the Vikings who applied pressure and had less turnovers which helped lead them to a 36-21 half-time lead.

The Vikings were sloppy in the third quarter, but maintained a 10 point lead.

The Vikings slowed down the pace and were able to come away with a victory.

The leading scorer was Nathan Beckwith with 16 points. Jeremy Milliken added 12 and Jeremy Jones scored nine points.

The Vikings traveled to Gaylord on Tuesday, Feb. 4 and hosted East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 7. The games are scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

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Grayling Middle School Fun Night

The pictures below represent the activities available for the Grayling Middle School sixth graders at their sixth grade Fun Night, held Friday, Jan. 30. All photos by Craig Hofman.



LOOKING FOR AN OPENING -- Jeremy Millikin, a member of the Grayling High School junior varsity basketball team, looks for an opening to pass the basketball. photo by Craig Hofman

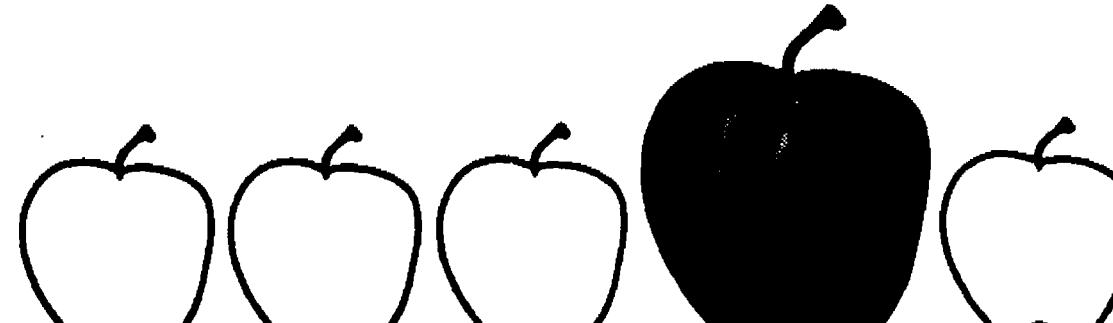
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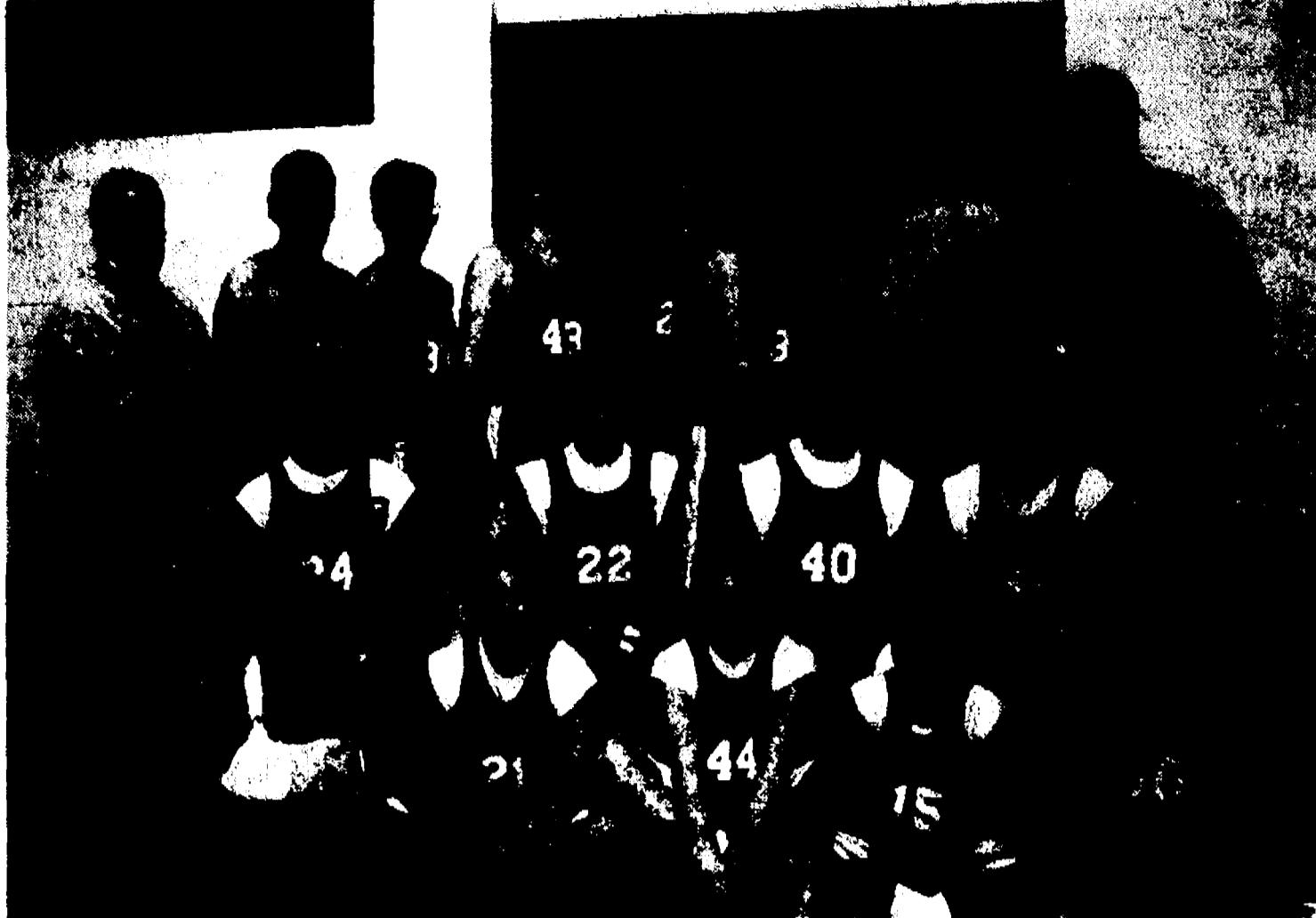
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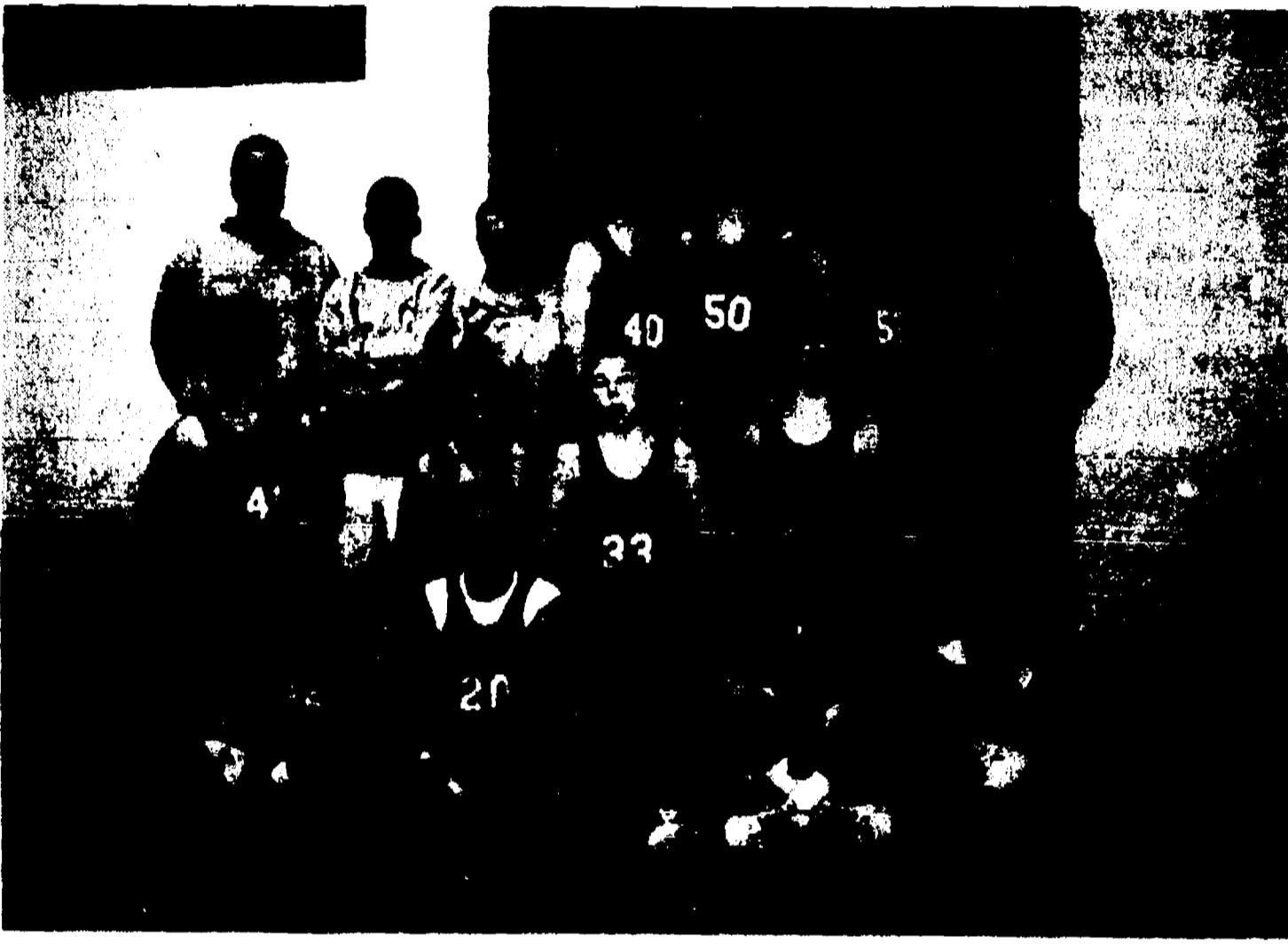
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EIGHTH GRADE TEAM A -- The Grayling Middle School eighth grade team A is front (from left) John McNamara, Justin Nuberger, Chris Youngblood, Anthony Jurkovich and Jeremiah Haskens. The middle row (from left) is Ryan Mahaffey, Brad Gorski, Mike D'Amour and Levi Burkett. Standing (l-r) is coach Duane Vandrese, Chuck Sitt, Mike Pratt, Kyle Langseth, Nate Ross, Josh Petri, coach Burkett and coach Gorski.

photo by Craig Holman



EIGHTH GRADE TEAM B -- The Grayling Middle School eighth grade Team B is front (from left) Joe Cummings, Rick Rogers, (ball boy) Kyle Trudgeon, Matt Schriner and Peter Belcher. The middle row (l-r) is Dan Mead, Marcus Bobenmoyer, Nathan Everson and Jory Harland. The back row (l-r) is coach Tom Trudgeon, Dan Hall, Andrew Brooks, David Golnick, Justin Minear, Nick Bayham and coach Phil Trudgeon.

photo by Craig Holman

Ski clinic conducted during warm weather

The weather was perfect for week number four of the Citizen's Bank Race Clinic at Hanson Hills.

John Alef said, "We set a fairly technical course this week for the ski clinic. The conditions were somewhat sticky and the course was tough, but overall the kids did a great job getting through the gates."

Again this week there were a number of new racers in the program. In the pre-school to kindergarten group, first-time racer Emily Sloan took the top position followed by Taylor Doremire.

Jill Seager was once again the top finisher for the third and fourth grade girls. Mallory Olson was second; Jodi Riddle, third; Nicole Dixon, fourth; and Madeleine Taylor, fifth.

Alex McNamara upset Trevor Clough's winning streak and was the top skier for the third and fourth grade boys. Trevor was second, followed by Patrick McInally, Zach Dean, Paul Montagne, Jimmy Jansen, David Fleischmann, and Mark Eberline.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls group, Allison Diola skied to the top finish; Andria Alvarez was second;

Megan Wyskiel, and Gracie Calkins. For the boys, Michael Olson skied his way to a first-place finish followed by Spencer Dean, and Chas Sloan.

In the first and second grade girls group, Rachel Doremire finished first followed by Jessica Riddle, Siobhan Taylor, and Avery Diola. Kody Diola continued his winning streak and was the top finisher for the first and second grade boys. Rocky McNamara was second followed by Andrew Hart.

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In the fifth and sixth grade girls group, Alison Diola skied to the top finish; Andria Alvarez was second;

Britt Baker, third; Heather Vandecar, fourth; and Nicole Doremire, fifth.

Joey Highlen was back after last week's upset as he led the fifth and sixth grade boys. Eric Hunter was second; Matt Seager, third; and Josh Jurkovich, fourth.

The seventh and eighth grade girls were led by the always fast Joni Ames; Sasha Latuszek was second; Charina Stewart, third; and Amanda Mullenix, fourth. Cameron McClain came out to ski his way into the top spot for the seventh and eighth grade boys. Paul Jansen was second; Geoff Montagne, third; Keil Clough, fourth; Kyle Crawford, fifth; Eric Hart, sixth; and Ben McInally, seventh.

Next week the clinic will shift gears as the program will take a break to host the Citizen's Bank obstacle course as part of the Winter Wolf Festival.

The challenging course will be open to all ages and should prove to be entertaining to watch.

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GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Sawmill/Geo Signs	5-1
Spike's	5-1
Holiday Inn	5-2
Fox Construction/ Hinkle RE/MAX	4-3
Weyerhaeuser	2-5
Lange Vending	1-4
Grayling Generating Station	0-6
Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/ MAX 80 — Donahoe 22, Fox 19, Youngblood 14, Swope 8, Tobin 7, Mertes 6, Hinkle 2, Pummell 2, Grayling Generating Station 45 — Waite 14, Geers 10, T. Wakeley 6, Nally 4, M. Wakeley 4, Wolcott, Hamann 3.	

Sawmill/Geo Signs 61 — Juntilia 21, Kirk 13, T. Doremire 8, Bindschaei 7, Trudeon 5, Dittmer 3, White 2, Holiday Inn 51 — Simon 18, Hamlin 13, Weaver 8, Finch 6, Smith 3, Madill 3.

Spike's 83 — Patterson 25, Kucharek 16, J. Gardiner 14, Church 10, Thompson 6, Potter 5, Kolka 5, T. Gardiner 2, Weyerhaeuser 50 — Grant 18, Ruddy 10, Pollen 8, Dandy 8, Hull 6.
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Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/ MAX 70 — Ryckman 24, Tobin 15, Pummell 15, Donahoe 7, Swope 6, Fox 2, Youngblood 1, Lange Vending 55 — Jung 22, S. Hartman 10, Dannenburg 7, Malinowski 6, R. Harland 6, Cragg 4.

Top Ten Scorers: Jung 30.7, Waite 19.7, Church 19.1, Patterson 18.8, Simon 17.7, Kucharek 15.4, Hamlin 14.7, Kirk 14.3, Abey 14.3, Geers 13.8.
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3-Point Leaders: Patterson 30, Jung 22, Church 21, Simon 19, Cummings 12, Donahoe 12.

Free Throw %: S. Hartman 87.5, Church 82.3, Simon 80.9, Fox 75%, Anderson 72.2.

Foul Leaders: Weaver 25, Kirk 24, Burrell 18, Hull 18, Butler 17.
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POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League	
Swamp II	104
Legion	102
Plaza	100
Red Barn	95
Breakers	88
Spikes	87

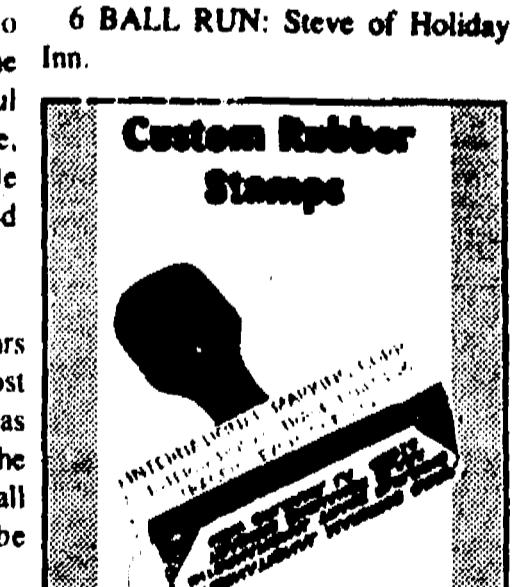
6 BALL RUN: Barb of Plaza, 5 BALL RUN: Lisa and Barb of Plaza, Annett of Swamp II.
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Men's Pool League	
Holiday Inn	38-34
Weyerhaeuser	37-35
Red Barn II	35-37
Frogs	33-39
Plaza	29-25
Red Barn I	29-25
Frederick Inn I	27-27
Frederick Inn II	25-29
Breakers	17-37

8 BALL ON BREAK: Justin of Holiday Inn.
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7 BALL RUN: Phil of Red Barn I and Dave of Breakers.

6 BALL RUN: Steve of Holiday Inn.



LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY 1997 GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golnick at 7:30 p.m.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golnick, Akers, Ruddy, Mosher.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Verna Meharg, City Treasurer, Brian Olzewski from Hill, Schnieder & Co., 4 Students, Norm Bancroft, Wayne Winchester, Eric Gaertner.

III. 97:01

Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 1996 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak. None. V. Communications were received and noted.

a. District Court regarding Trail date for Lake State Railroad and City on January 21, 1997.

b. Copy of Revised City Commission

Listing

c. Letter to Mayor Golnick regarding

USS Grayling

d. Crawford County Board Data

1997

e. December 1996 Police Report

f. Old Business

a. Presentation of Audit Report for 1995-96. Brian Olzewski presented to Council the 1995-96 Audit and Summary of Audit. Brian went over letter to Council and brought up a few items of concern.

97:02

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to accept the 1995-96 Audit for the City of Grayling as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. motion carried.

b. Draft Plan Document Discussion Council will meet individually with City Manager and compile data to be sent to Mark Wykoff for inclusion in final draft of plan. When final draft is received from planner Public Hearings will be scheduled to finalize plan with Grayling Township.

c. 1997 Street Program & Invoice City Manager presented details of 1997 portion of sidewalk construction for Council information. Construction will begin as soon as practical in the spring.

97:03

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers to pay invoice from Richards & Associates in the amount of \$3,314.56 for Professional Services Rendered. Change Order #3, 1996-97 Street Program. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. motion carried.

VII. New Business

a. Resolution Honoring Karl Schreiner for 20 years as a City Police Officer

97:04

Moved by Golnick, supported by Ruddy that.

WHEREAS, on December 27, 1996, KARL A. SCHREINER did complete twenty (20) years of consecutive service as a Grayling City Police Officer, and

WHEREAS, he has provided excellent service to the citizens of the City of Grayling and the surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, he has continually completed training to upgrade his skills and has provided training to other police officers in addition to his regular police duties, and

WHEREAS, he has developed his leadership and administrative skills to a high degree thereby benefiting the citizens and the Grayling Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Grayling, Michigan express their appreciation to KARL A. SCHREINER for 20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Grayling.

Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. motion carried.

b. Request from Crawford AuSable, Kirland and COOR for Summer Tax Collection.

97:05

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens for the City to collect the school taxes for Crawford AuSable, Kirland and COOR along with the city tax levy July 1, 1997 as has been past practice. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager

a. Legislative Bulletin of 1-10-97

City Manager went over items of interest to Council.

b. Crawford County Bldg. & Zoning

Notice for information only at this time.

c. Recent discussion of state land at a meeting with County Board Chairman, Twp. Supervisor, Chamber of Commerce, City Manager, State Representative Allen Lowe and Forest Supervisor Jim McMillan.

d. Auction results of surplus equipment. City got \$7,629.80 for city surplus equipment sold at County Road Commission Auction December 7, 1996.

e. ICMA Meeting January 21-24, 1997 in Ypsilanti. Manager Morford will not attend due to other priorities.

f. Letter of denial for request of a liquor license for Clark Gas Station.

g. Invoice from NEMCOG. Will present at next meeting.

h. City Employees Retirement Program, progress on fund transfer.

i. Cheboygan County solid Waste Plan Public Hearing requested by BFI.

j. M.M.L. Meeting in Lansing on January 30, 1997 regarding annexation of land. May be attended by Morford et al.

IX. Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Mosher complimented the city crew for job well done on keeping streets plowed. Also noted that private plowmen should be warned/ticketed if they plow into or across streets/sidewalks and do not clean up after.

X. Adjournment.

97:06

Moved by Golnick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE -- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna R. WILLUGHBY, a single woman to CITIZENS BANK/f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank successor by merger to Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 29, 1988 and recorded on January 6, 1989 in Liber 292 on page 344, and modified by Extension and Modification Agreement dated December 29, 1991 and recorded on January 6, 1992 in Liber 335, Page 505 and by Extension and Modification Agreement dated February 28, 1995 and recorded on April 24, 1995 in Liber 392, Page 626. Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four and 85/100 dollars (\$4,794.85), including interest at 11.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 AM o'clock, on Wednesday, March 19, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as

The Northeastly 54 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeastly 54 feet of the South 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 2, Salling, Hanson and Co.'s addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated February 6, 1997

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

(810) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for CITIZENS BANK.
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File #97010173

6-13-20-27-6

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Stephen Doyle and Ruth Doyle, husband and wife, to the Grayling State Bank. The Mortgage is dated March 2, 1993 and was recorded on March 10, 1993 in Liber 156 on pages 93 to 100 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and 47/100 (\$11,569.47) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 5, 1997 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door of the County Building which is located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the current rate of 7.62% (variable rate) per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: Lots(s) 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 3, PORTAGE LAKE PARK, SECOND ADDITION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 19 of the Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 30, 1997

CITIZENS BANK, f/k/a
GRAYLING STATE BANK

Prepared by:
JOHN R. TUCKER (P17348)
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501 Citizens Bank Building
Flint, MI 48502-1983
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.30-6-13-20-27

CRAWFORD COUNTY PERSONNEL & LABOR COMMITTEE

January 7, 1997

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman

Smock at 12:35 p.m. in the County Building on

January 7, 1997

Present: Smock, Black, Bretzke, Corlew,

Hartman and Long.

Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

— present.

There were also other visitors present.

— Approved the minutes of January 7, 1997.

— Requested an opinion from Counsel

regarding the full time position of County

Prosecutor John Huss

— Approved that the attorney defend his

opinion on the position of the Prosecutor at no

cost to Crawford County.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

— present.

There were also other visitors present.

— Approved the minutes of November 26, 1996 and December 18, 1996 Board Meetings.

— With the Boards proposal to current union

contract negotiations not accepted, the Board

withdraws their present proposal and will

continue the negotiation process, but to also

extend the present terms of both bargaining

AFSCME Union Contracts in Crawford County

for the next ninety (90) days pending negotiation.

— Request that Commissioner Smock contact

Prosecutor Huss and establish an exact timeline

as to when the Prosecutor anticipates to

discontinue his private law practice.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on

file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

— present.

There were also other visitors present.

— Accepted the minutes of December 18, 1996

Board Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on

file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

— present.

There were also other visitors present.

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Board Meeting.

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Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

LEGAL ACTION**NOTICE
Zoning Board of Appeals Position**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will accept application for persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Please respond to Sandra Moore, Crawford County clerk/register of deeds, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by February 14, 1997.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 10, 1997

**PUBLIC HEARING/
COUNTY RECREATION PLAN**

A public hearing will be held by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on February 18, 1997, at 10:30 am, to review the submitted final Crawford County Recreation Plan. The submitted copy is presently on file with the County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
1-24-97

**NOTICE
Planning Commission Position Notice**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will accept application for persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Planning Commission. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Please respond to Sandra Moore, Crawford County clerk/register of deeds, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by 4 pm February 14, 1997.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 10, 1997

**1997
CRAWFORD COUNTY
TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS**

CLASS	ASSESSED	CO. EQ. VALUE	RATIO	FACTORS
Beaver Creek - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1997				
101 Agricultural	62,400	86,093	36.24	1.3797
201 Commercial	1,348,150	1,372,582	49.11	1.0000
301 Industrial	10,865,600	10,865,600	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	20,723,750	20,954,247	49.45	1.0000
501 Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601 Developmental	0	0	0	0
Total Real	32,999,000	33,278,552	0	N/A
Total Personal	23,892,500	23,900,137	49.98	1.0003
Total Township	56,891,500	51,178,689	N/A	N/A
Frederic - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1997				
101 Agricultural	1,065,200	1,503,600	35.42	1.4116
201 Commercial	908,901	987,292	46.03	1.0862
301 Industrial	193,300	193,300	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	21,538,100	24,614,972	43.75	1.1486
501 Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601 Developmental	0	0	0	0
Total Real	23,705,501	27,299,164	0	N/A
Total Personal	9,676,700	9,677,412	49.99	1.0000
Total Township	33,382,201	36,976,576	N/A	N/A
Grayling - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1997				
101 Agricultural	760,900	980,288	38.81	1.2883
201 Commercial	5,291,700	5,237,233	50.52	0.9897
301 Industrial	18,880,100	19,344,365	48.80	1.0246
401 Residential	97,885,700	103,890,575	47.11	1.0614
501 Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601 Developmental	0	0	0	0
Total Real	122,818,400	129,452,461	0	N/A
Total Personal	7,831,900	7,833,634	49.99	1.0000
Total Township	130,650,300	137,286,095	N/A	N/A
Lovells - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1997				
101 Agricultural	1,728,200	2,356,422	36.67	1.3635
201 Commercial	959,900	972,740	49.34	1.0000
301 Industrial	0	0	0	0
401 Residential	25,174,407	26,510,538	47.48	1.0531
501 Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601 Developmental	0	0	0	0
Total Real	27,862,507	29,839,700	0	N/A
Total Personal	6,804,100	6,805,933	49.98	1.0000
Total Township	34,666,607	36,645,633	N/A	N/A
Maple Forest - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1997				
101 Agricultural	134,100	209,532	32.00	1.5625
201 Commercial	437,100	467,987	46.70	1.0707
301 Industrial	0	0	0	0
401 Residential	8,146,700	8,668,546	46.99	1.0641
501 Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601 Developmental	0	0	0	0
Total Real	8,717,900	9,346,065	0	N/A
Total Personal	2,142,800	2,142,600	50.00	1.0000
Total Township	10,860,500	11,488,665	N/A	N/A
South Branch - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1997				
101 Agricultural	846,100	1,153,056	37.47	1.3344
201 Commercial	328,400	337,374	48.87	1.0273
301 Industrial	0	0	0	0
401 Residential	40,421,700	43,176,351	46.81	1.0681
501 Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601 Developmental	0	0	0	0
Total Real	41,614,200	44,666,781	0	N/A
Total Personal	3,027,800	3,036,618	49.85	1.0000
Total Township	44,642,000	47,703,399	N/A	N/A
City of Grayling - Tentative Ratios and Factors - 1997				
101 Agricultural	0	0	0	0
201 Commercial	18,789,600	19,629,754	47.86	1.0447
301 Industrial	3,000,700	3,317,891	45.22	1.1057
401 Residential	12,050,000	13,163,645	45.77	1.0924
501 Timber Cut-Over	0	0	0	0
601 Developmental	0	0	0	0
Total Real	33,840,300	36,111,290	0	N/A
Total Personal	5,780,700	5,804,552	49.79	1.0000
Total Township	39,621,000	41,915,842	N/A	N/A

**CRAWFORD
COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR
MEETING OF
January 21, 1997**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:05 a.m. on January 21, 1997.

Roll Call: Bretzke, Long, Hartman, Black, Corlew, Smock.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

— present.

There were also other visitors present.

Approved the Board Minutes of January 7, 1997.

Accepted the correspondence as presented.

Agreed to send a copy of the correspondence from the Road Commission to Corporate Counsel to review. The Road Commission states that its legal responsibility is to maintain only publicly owned parking lots and only if they are part of the public roads within their jurisdiction.

Agenda amended, so Judge Patricia Morse and Rudi Edel could address the board. The Judge presented several issues regarding the Court Restructuring. The cost of a new electronic library will be provided by the program. The only cost would be the Prosecutor's PC and telephone line. The Court is considering hiring a Compliance Officer for the collection of court fines, the Building & Zoning Civil Infractions would also be collected by the court.

Agreed to enter into an agreement for the electronic law library, and to purchase equipment for the Prosecutor's office, including the telephone line.

Recess 11:25 a.m.

Back in Order 11:35 a.m.

Board to schedule a meeting with Representatives of the board. Judicial Committee, Judge Walsh, Judge Davis to discuss the position of a Compliance Officer.

Agenda Amended for Jan Kellogg of NEMCOG to address the Board. She displayed

a completed recreation plan, and presented a Resolution of Concurrence with the Overall Economic Development Plan.

Agreed by all to adopt the Resolution of Concurrence with the Overall Economic Development Plan.

Agenda Amended to have Loretta Hasson address the Board. She advised the board of a proposed future building site for the new Crawford County Library.

Letter of understanding was presented and accepted from the Police Officers Association of Michigan, Command Officers Association of Michigan, Crawford County Board of Commissioners, and the Crawford County Sheriff.

Agreed by all that due to maternity leave of a deputy, the sheriff is authorized to hire a temporary Deputy.

Agreed by all to forward dues of \$50.00 to the Michigan Northern Counties Association.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE SALE**

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by GLENN R. HAGLE and SUZANN L. HAGLE, husband and wife, whose address is 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagor, dated October 2, 1981, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on October 6, 1981, in Liber 200 of Crawford County Records on Page 561 through 564, inclusive. By reason of such default the Mortgagor elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTYNINETHOUSANDFIFTEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 17/100 (\$29,564.17) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has

become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in Pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at the public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court and for said County, on Thursday February 27, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 13 1/2 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagor does pay on or prior to the date prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The Northeastly half (N.E. 1/4) of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village of Grayling, being a subdivision of a part of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Town Twenty-six North (T26N) Range Three West (R3W), Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded at Liber I of Plats, Page 4, Crawford County Records (also commonly known as 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738). The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagor Robert J. Zitta (P22749) Attorney for Mortgagors SCHUELER & ZITTA 300 Washington Street P.O. Box 212 Grand Haven, MI 49417 (616) 842-1470

-30-6-13-20

**NOTICE
BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The regular Beaver Creek Township meeting date scheduled for February 10, 1997, has been changed to Friday, February 14, 1997 @ 11 am. The meeting will be held at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Road, Grayling, MI, (517) 275-8878.

Sharon K. Hartman,
Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 17, 1997, at 7 pm in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

CASE #97-1: Scott McClain, petitioner
T26N, R3W, Sec. 7

FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: February 16 - 22, 1997

ARIES	An unexpected windfall could make a big difference in your financial situation. Seek investment advice from a professional.
MARCH 21-APRIL 19	
TAURUS	Keep a close watch on young people. Trouble begins where discipline leaves off. Strong guidance is needed.
APRIL 20 - MAY 20	
GEMINI	In order to get a leg up in this life, you will need support from all sources. Avoid burning bridges.
JUNE 21 - JULY 22	Stay out of trouble by steering clear of co-workers quarrel. Let them work it out themselves.
LEO	A deadline is creeping up on you. Burn the midnight oil if necessary, but don't let it pass you by.
VIRGO	Your image is more important to you than to those you are trying to impress. Be yourself.
LIBRA	If you are not satisfied with the scenery...change it! Don't whine about what you can mend.
SCORPIO	Look for the good in your co-workers. They have problems just like you; don't find faults needlessly.
SAGITTARIUS	A major accomplishment will be made by your rival. Be diplomatic and courteous and you will come out on top.
CAPRICORN	Involve yourself in community activities. There are many worthwhile causes that could benefit from your expertise.
AQUARIUS	Creativity is at an all-time high. Take advantage of your artistic nature and indulge in the aesthetics.
PISCES	You are not listening to what is being said. Feb 19 - March 20 What you hear is not what you need to know.



PERSONALITY PLUS — Shakey is a spayed/declawed female. She is very loving, but does not like to be picked up so she would not be suitable for small children. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

It is an old myth that cats will suck the breath from sleeping infants, says the Humane Society of the United States. However, curious by nature, a cat may want to climb into the crib to see what new creature her family has brought home. She may feel a little jealous, so lavish lots of attention on your pet to reassure her that she is still an important part of the family.

It is a myth that cats are aloof, independent animals that don't want a lot of attention from humans, says the Humane Society of the United States. They crave human companionship and establish loving bonds with their human families. An owner who tossets the cat outdoors or spends little time with him will never know the rewarding and special relationship that comes from making a cat a true member of the family.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

January 31, 1974

Dale Peterson of Grayling hauled in a huge northern pike last Friday night from Lake Margrethe. The fish measured 42 inches long and weighed 16 pounds. The fish hit his tip-up on Wednesday of the same week around the same time in the evening, and had gotten away. The broken line was still in its mouth when Peterson hauled it in.

Barbara Ann Jurkovich, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jurkovich of Grayling, was crowned Miss Grayling 1974. Queen Barbara stands 5' 10" tall and is a grey-eyed brunette.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers and Mrs. Edna McEvers were in Midland Sunday visiting a sister of the latter who is ill.

Little Anjanette Pratt, daughter of the Jerry Pratts had the misfortune to fall and badly bruise herself, cut her lip and chin which required several stitches.

The winners of the fourth grade spelling bee are Mark Hamilton, Beth Parkinson, Bonnie Keusch, Sharon Perry and Kevin Dean. Bonnie received a trophy for being the best speller and the runners-up received pins. Some of the harder words to remember were homonyms such as threw and through, pain and pane, and fair and fare.

Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal Fisk of Essexville, came up to see Earl Westbrooks Friday and to check their cabin.

Fritz Williams entered the hospital for minor surgery Wednesday and we hope to see him up and around again very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kesby and George went to the Dog Sled Races at Kalkaska Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Genevieve Schmidt as the guest of honor at a bridal shower Monday evening given by Mrs. Kathleen Pearson and Mrs. Pamela Thompson. Games were enjoyed by all. Later, Genevieve opened her many lovely gifts. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses.

The Chapel Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Phyllis Walker, Wednesday, Feb. 6, at noon.

The special service given at the Chapel by the Pierce sisters was greatly enjoyed by all. There will be another special service on Sunday, Feb. 17. Plan to attend!

Mr. and Mrs. David Paquette of Ypsilanti spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood.

Mr. and Mrs. William Commons entertained several friends from Detroit over the weekend.

46 Years Ago

February 1, 1949

tended the preliminary opening of the new toboggan slide at the Military Reservation Sunday.

Quite a number of applications and contract bids were filed with the Post Office Department at Washington for the appointment as mail carrier on the new proposed star route from Grayling to Lovells and return. Austin J. Scott was the lucky one to secure the appointment and will begin his duties February 13th.

A farewell party was given for John Parsons and family of Frederic last Tuesday evening. Their goods went Tuesday to Rogers City.

Donovan G. Gilmore, formerly of Frederic has accepted a position in Pontiac after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree at Ypsilanti State Normal College.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Scott motored to Bay City Tuesday on business and called at the Geo. Atwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNeven made a business trip to Detroit the last of the week and while there were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bingham, former residents here.

Mrs. O. Milnes left Saturday for Detroit owing to the illness of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. McInnis.

William Millikin and sons, who have been cutting wood in the county have returned to Grayling and are living in the J. L. Baer house.

Mrs. Marie Hanson left Monday night for Santa Fe, New Mexico, called there by the illness of her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when 16 ladies and gentlemen called at their home to help them celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary.

94 Years Ago

January 29, 1905

To Mr. and Mrs. D. LaMont, a daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Hammer, a daughter, January 17.

The burning of a chimney at the Central Hotel Sunday evening caused a fire alarm to be turned in. A high wind was blowing but the fire burned itself out without damage. This is the third call this winter and we hope may be the last.

Prof. and Mrs. Bradley were made glad last week by the presence of their friend, Mrs. James E. Snoddy of Onaway.

Last week we noticed a happy lot of little folks having a jolly sleighride about town. We have learned it was the fifth grade and that Miss Redhead is the guilty party who gave them the pleasure.

Jacob Karnes of Frederic is taking a rest from his labors. His team ran away

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Slope

5. Family relative

8. Persian tentmaker

12. Leeward

13. Before angle or cycle

14. Let

15. Brow

17. Born: Old Eng.

18. Wigwam

19. Roofing materials

21. Author Gardner

23. Ordinal

24. Innate

27. Appears

30. North or Baltic

31. Fuses (glass materials)

33. Island

34. Park, CA

36. Foot lever

38. Greek ghost

39. Swiss herdsman

40. Plant sucking insects

43. Gate or wall explosive

47. One of Saul's men

48. Dull person

50. Biblical king

51. Lesley Warren

52. Former

53. Turfs Birthplace of Hippocrates

55. Swabs

DOWN

1. Float

2. vera

3. Mother in Brest

4. Eye

5. Pittsburgh player

6. Ret. Acct.

7. Proposals

8. Rococo

9. Archie's son-in-law

10. Poker stake

11. Hwy.

16. Cattle breed

20. Decreased

ACROSS

22. Corrects

24. Doctrine

25. Born

26. Tallulah

28. Small unit of length

29. Fem. holy woman

32. Mine shaft tools

35. Janet & Vivien

37. Patriotic song

40. Summer sippers

41. Venetian merchant

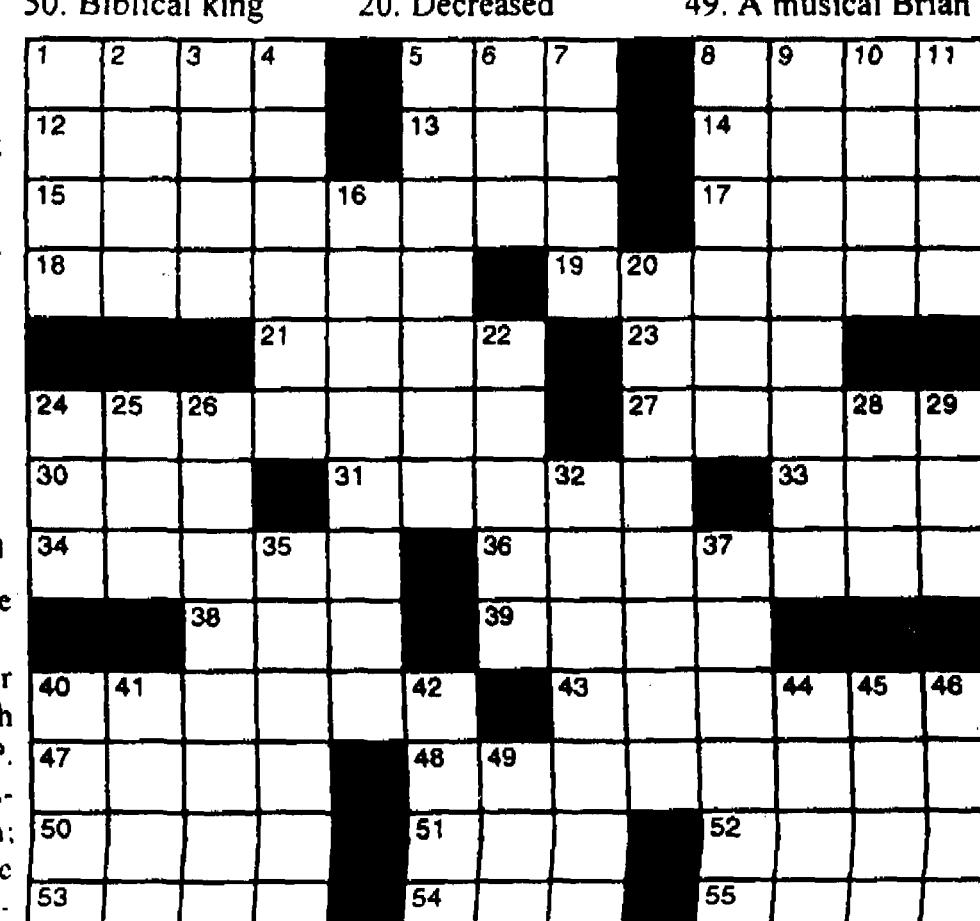
42. Minn. neighbor

44. Pertaining to flight

45. Wheeze

46. Insecticides (abbr.)

49. A musical Brian



Great Galloping Ghosts! It's a group of words that all start with "G"! How many "G" words can you find in the picture below?



Answers:

WHIZ!
GEE
WHIZ!

Gallosh, Gaiter, Ghost, Giant,
Giraffe, Girl, Glasses, Globes,
Gloves, Goat, Goat, Goose,
Gorilla, Grapes, Grass, Gorilla

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Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
1/29	19	-7	0.01	24"
1/30	8	-4	0.02	24"
1/31	21	8	0.005	24"
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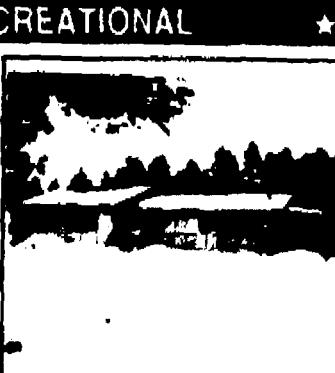


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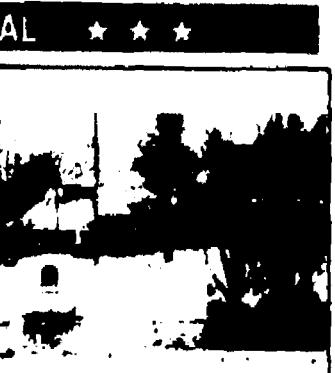
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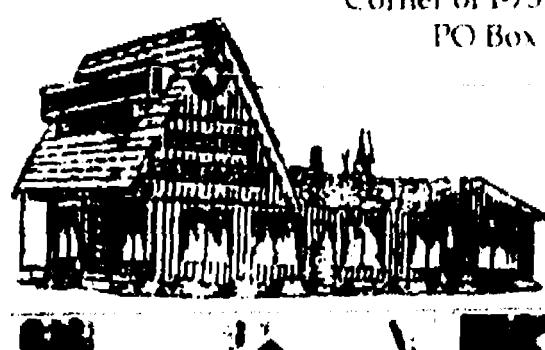


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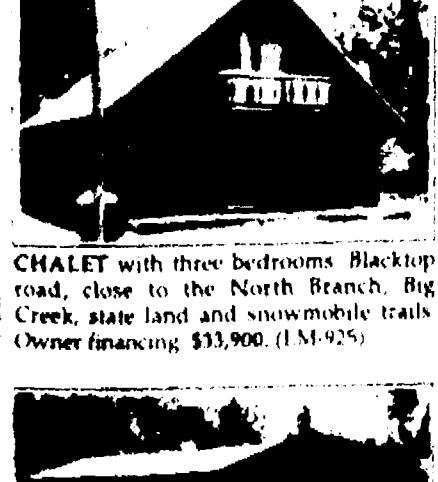
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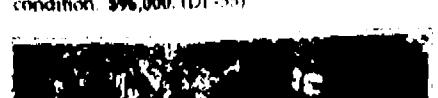
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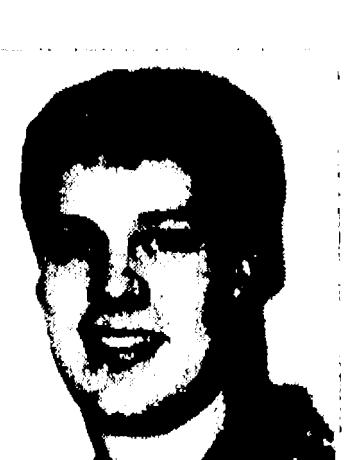
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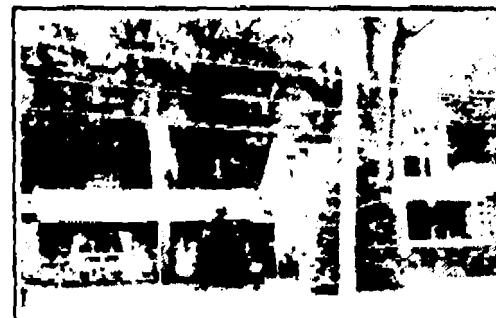


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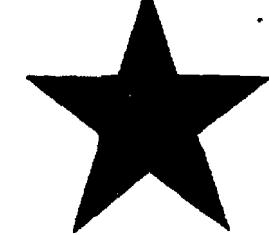


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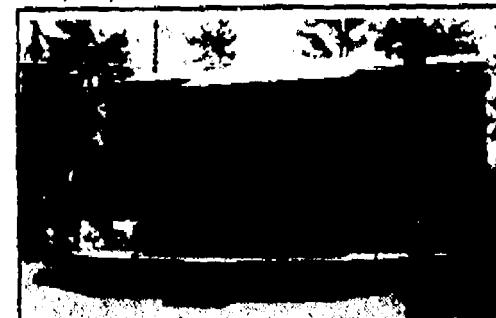
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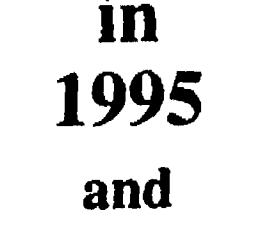
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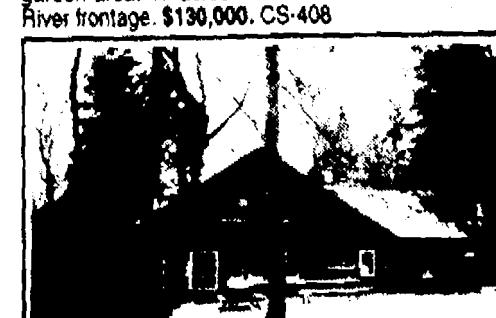
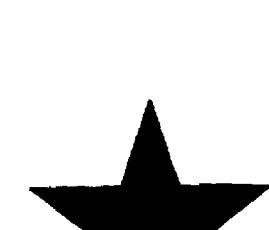
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ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS in Grayling is now taking applications for our two bedroom apartments. Rental assistance available for those who qualify. Rent is based on income. Barrier free units available. Please call 517-348-6399 for more information or for the hearing impaired call TDD 1-800-649-3777. Professionally managed by Medallion Management Inc. Financed by RD, an equal housing opportunity. -30-6-13-20/2

RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS located at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger streets in Roscommon has one, two and three bedroom units available for immediate occupancy to qualified applicants. Rent based on income with limited rent subsidy available. Applications available at office on site or call 275-4061 or 800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. -30-6-13-20/2

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-30-6-13-20/2

HOUSE FOR RENT: only need a small place? Want it? Spify clean, with new paint and carpet? Come see this one bedroom home in convenient and quiet Grayling city location with natural gas heat. \$350 a month; \$350 security, references required. 517-732-2353 weekdays or 517-939-8965 evenings and weekends. -6-13/2

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT overlooking river. Patio door and deck. \$335 plus utilities. -6-13/2

AUSSABLE RIVER FRONTAGE: two bedroom home for rent. \$650 per month plus deposit and utilities. Contact Jason at 348-7893. -6-13/2

ONE BEDROOM CABIN \$285 monthly, utilities included; also includes trash pickup and snow-plowing. One mile from town, deposit required. 348-8713, after 5 pm. 1/30/97tf/2

FOR RENT: BUSINESS SPACE downtown Grayling in the Emporium. \$1 per square foot. Call Cindy 348-9694. -6/2

NICE TWO BEDROOM HOME with garage, gas heat, jacuzzi, cable hook-up, minutes from town on E. M-72. \$425 per month, plus deposit. Call 348-4864. 1/23/97tf/2

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RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS located at 306 Knight Street in Grayling has one bedroom apartments available for immediate occupancy to qualified applicants. Barrier free units and limited rent subsidy for the building. Applications available on site or call 348-5837 or 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 456 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # 1-800-855-1155. -30-6-13-20/2

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE for rent. Includes two rooms, closet space and waiting area. \$500/mo. Call 517-348-6141. 10/24/96tf/2

FOR RENT: Nice two bedroom home, well insulated, gas heated, cable hook-up. \$375 plus deposit. Call 348-4864. 12/5/96tf/2

THREE BEDROOM MOBILE: appliances, W/D hook-up, private lot in AuSable Woods, utilities. \$400 per month plus security deposit. 348-7666 leave message -6/2

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE in city of Grayling. New carpet, paint, very clean. \$350 month, \$350 security deposit. References required. 517-732-2353. Weekdays or 517-939-8965 evenings and weekends. -6-13/2

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ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT for single. No pets. Utilities furnished. \$335 monthly plus security deposit. 348-6185. -6-13-20-27/2

CLOSE TO TOWN small efficiency cabins. \$285 and \$270 per month. Plus security deposit and \$50 cleaning fee. No pets. Gas and electric included. 348-5124 or 348-5621. -6/2

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DOWNTOWN GRAYLING 208 Michigan Avenue, 1,100 square feet. Call Larry at 348-5477. 10/3/96tf/2

OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE 2,000 square feet in Grayling Industrial Park, AuSable Construction. 348-5477. 10/3/96tf/2

3. Employment**CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

accepting applications for Director. Qualifications will include: people skills, management skills, budgeting, grant writing, community relocate. Salary \$14,000-\$17,000. Send resume to: Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-7123. Deadline: February 10, 1997. EOE

-23-30-6/3

THE GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION

has 18 refrigerator units to be sold. These refrigerators are 13 years old and NOT frost free. They can be seen at 308 Lawndale, Grayling MI. A minimum bid of \$25 is required. All bids must be sealed and received at the Housing Commission or P.O. Box 450 by 4 p.m. Feb. 21, 1997.

-6-13-20/3

HELP WANTED: DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST

to work for the WIC program in Kalkaska and Crawford counties providing nutrition education and high risk counseling for WIC, Maternal and Infant Support Services, and Children's Special Health Care Services programs. Qualifications: Registered Dietitian or R.D. eligible status with a minimum of one year experience in clinical or public health nutrition. Submit resume to M. Larsen, R.N., Director of Personal Health Services, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601 no later than Friday, Feb. 14, 1997.

-6-13-3

NEEDED: 100 people to Dare to Be Thin.

Call for free information. 303-480-8205.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING PLAY DIRECTOR

Play Director will report directly to the building principal. The director will be responsible for the selection, casting, rehearsals and all phases of the production of the spring play. Additional duties include advertising, public relations and financial responsibilities of the production. A spring (3/6/97, 3/7/97) play will be produced at the middle school.

Salary: According to the terms of the Master Agreement.

Apply to: Kent S. Reynolds, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 for more information.

-6-13/3

ACCOUNTING POSITION

Air Way Automation has a full- or part-time position available in our accounting department. A strong accounting background including experience with Great Plains software a plus. Please send letter, including resume and salary expectations to: Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738.

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4. Services Offered

ROOF SNOW REMOVAL: Quality work, dependable service, and reasonable rates. Call 348-8100 anytime.
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COME TO SPIKES for lunch! Serving daily specials Monday thru Friday, 11-2. Dine in to get two specials for the price of one.
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-1/23/97f/4

SEWING, SEWING, SEWING Bridal to zippers, tailoring to mending. Call Shirley. 348-1348.
5/18/96f/4

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PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service. Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience.
517/848-2262.
3/19/91f/4

LARGE OAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER and two matching end tables. \$150 after 4 p.m. 348-2532.
-6/5

FOR SALE: some new, some used Skroule parts. Also a few universal parts. 517-275-6056 ask for Bob.
-6/5

TWO QUEEN SIZE WATER BEDS \$50 each (one is a soft side). Call 348-5266.
-6/5

5TH WHEEL CUSTOM AIRFLOW tailgate for Ford pick-up. Used twice. \$125 firm. 348-2275.
-6/5

SNOWMOBILE 1985 SRV550 YAMAHA \$1,400 or best offer. 517-348-5570 ask for Paul.
-6/5

SPIKES HAS NIGHTLY SPECIALS Sunday: open pool; Monday: pitcher night; Tuesday: schnapps night; Wednesday: wear Spikes wardrobe drink specials; Thursday: Mexican night food and drink specials; Friday night: fish fry 4-9 p.m. Come Early.
-6/5

SEASONED FIREWOOD \$40 per cord; delivered and stacked. Leave a message 348-6340.
LR4/10/97/5

DISH NETWORK, 18" DISH Network. Special \$199 dish + \$300 1st year programming + \$149 installation = \$648. Can finance for \$24/month. W.A.C. \$100 rebate if you disconnect from cable. Northern Electronics, 517-348-6944.
1/30/97f/5

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP 6445 W. M-72, Grayling
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY All items that are RED will be 60% off the original price 2/10/97 thru 2/14/97

Monday, 1 - 7 pm; Tuesday thru Friday, 10 am to 4 pm
LR4/10/97/5

6. Wanted

WANTED: Good used washer and gas dryer. 348-6991.
-30-6/6

7. Miscellaneous

SOMETHING NEW COMING SOON! Well worth the trip to Victorian Millworks. Quality oak furniture and other home accessories. M-55, one mile west of downtown West Branch. (517) 345-2540.
-23-30-6/7

ADVERTISE STATEWIDE: \$239 buys a 25-word classified ad (\$5 for each additional word) Offering a 1,700,000 circulation in newspapers across Michigan. Call the Avalanche at 348-6811 for details.

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5. For Sale

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS - Main Street Floral. Time is running out. 40% to 75% off. Remaining stock from Schans Plumbing priced as marked. Store shelving, fixtures, displays and 8 x 8 walk-in floral cooler. Main Street Floral. 348-7423.
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FOR SALE: Seasoned Oak and Maple. Cut and split firewood. 517-348-8924.
11/28/96f/5

FOR SALE: COMPUTER AND PRINTER. One year old Macintosh Performa 631CD. 500MB hard disk 1.4MB floppy disk drive. 8MB of RAM expandable to 52MB. high performance 66/33MHzMotorola. and fax modem. Plus extra disks, software and ink cartridges. Color printer Style Writer 2400 and two year Sears maintenance agreement. \$1,650. 348-7522 after 5 p.m.
-30-6/5

February White-out!
Now, 1997 Polaris Snowmobiles at Less Than Cost
440CC SPORT \$3,499
488CC INDY TRAIL \$3,699
INDY 500 CARB \$4,299
Prices include lgt. & prep. Save also on XLT LTD's, 800's, XCF's. Limited supply. Terms.
Spicer's Boat City

4. Announcements

ABANDON TRAILER #STR22CLGA 080021 - 29 ft. Stored on my property since 10-15-96. No contact available. Last owner Margaret and Charles Haberger on title. Storage fees due @ \$15 per day. If not paid, or response in 30 days, will be disposed of. Reply to 720 Old 27 N., Grayling, Michigan.
-6/8

COME TO SPIKES for lunch! Serving daily specials Monday thru Friday, 11-2. Dine in to get two specials for the price of one.
-6/8

3. Announcements

WEAR YOU WINTERWOLF festival button at J.Dap Co. Feb. 7 and 8 and receive 10% off everything in our Gift Store. Winter Wolf Festival activities are Feb. 8 and 9. Call Hanson Hills for details 348-9266.
-6/8

CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Grayling American Legion Hall (back door). Call 517-348-1369.
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NOTICE

The following items are offered for bid. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Sealed bids should be returned no later than 4 pm Tuesday, February 11, 1997, to Crawford AuSable School District, 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Envelopes should be clearly marked "High School Shop Bids." to examine items, please call high school teacher Larry Wilson at 348-7641, extension 146, to arrange a time.

1. Milling Machine. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; Model #MVN.
2. Metal Lathes. Quantity: four; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #2555 LOOH.
3. Drill Press. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #1200.
4. Forge. Quantity, one; brand: Speedymelts; model #MP 47 B 16.
5. Welder. Quantity: two; brand: Power Twin; model #12-100.
6. Spot Welder. Quantity: one; brand, Miller; model #MPS 10 FT.
7. Band Saw. Quantity: one; brand: Logan Powermatic; model #87

Adopt-a-Pet

Are you interested in getting a new pet, but don't have the money to pay high pet store prices? We have the perfect solution:
Adopt a pet from our local animal shelter.

Our shelter has a variety of cats and dogs that don't have a home or a loving family to care for them. Come and take a look at these animals that are just waiting to be loved by your family. You're sure to fall in love with at least one!

Animal Shelter of Crawford County
508 1/2 Huron St.
348-4117

Minimum charge, \$3.50 for the first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word.

Please use as many words as you like, one word per box.

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8. Announcements

WE PAY YOU TO LOSE WEIGHT!
Serious people only. All natural, doctor recommended. Permanent weight loss: 1-800-264-8907.
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COME EARLY TO SPIKES Friday night Fish Fry served 4 to 9 p.m. all you care to eat \$5.25.
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WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S
Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a newcomer, engaged, or a new mother.
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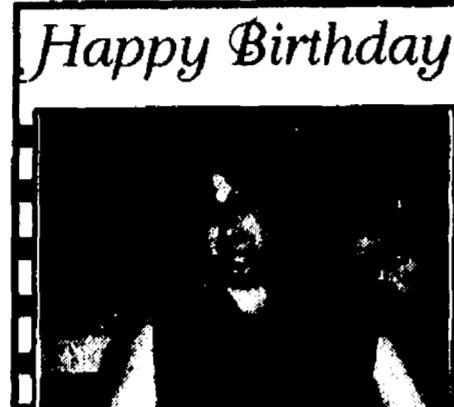
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUPS. General Parenting, Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., 2-12-97/3-19-97. Survivors of Incest and Sexual Abuse, Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., ongoing. \$10 registration fee covers six group and two individual sessions. Call New Life Community Service, 517-348-2544.
-23-30-6-13/8

Hanson Hills is taking donations of used ice skates.
(517) 348-9266

9. Personals

AUSABLE SINGLES DANCE: Breakers Lounge Steakhouse, Grayling. Every Saturday 8 to 12 p.m. 2123 Industrial Road off of M-72 East. Admission \$5. Music by Best Entertainment. For more information call 517-732-8663 or 517-348-1204.

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Stop in to CitiPark Citgo and wish Shelley P. a Happy Birthday
B. G. & Company

11. Automotive**YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY**

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

Notices of Review sent to children on SSI

If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for a child with a disability, the Social Security Administration will notify you about an upcoming review of the child's case. The notice will explain the recent law which established a new definition of disability for children.

Under the new definition, children must have more serious physical and mental limitations to qualify for SSI. The law also requires that Social

Security review the cases of certain children who are now eligible for SSI to see if they are disabled under the new definition.

Over a two-month period starting in late November, more than 300,000 notices are being mailed to representative payees of children with disabilities. If you have any questions about the notice, contact Social Security at the phone numbers on the notice.

Average worker makes \$591.18 per week

The average weekly wage for workers in Michigan rose by \$9.79 in 1996, increasing to \$591.18.

"Wages leveled off last year, especially in the manufacturing sector, causing the average wage for all Michigan workers in private industry to increase by 1.7 percent," Thomas Malek, acting director of the Michigan Employment Security Agency (MESA), reported on Jan. 21.

The 1996 increase is the smallest since 1990, when the average weekly wage grew by \$3.18 to \$477.40.

The state average weekly wage is based on employment and payroll data collected from private Michigan employers for the 12 months ending June 30, 1996. To calculate the wage, MESA uses payroll information from all private industries in the state.

International telephone scam targets U.S. consumers

A new telephone scam deceiving people into calling high-cost numbers in the Caribbean is targeting users of pagers, fax machines, voice mail boxes or the Internet.

Since Sept. 1996, thousands of pager users have received urgent messages to dial a number in the 809 area code. "When people call, they hear a long, rambling message that never connects to a real person," explained Peter DeHaan, president of Michigan Message Center.

"The scheme is the latest in a never-ending series of attempts by con artists to line their pockets by tricking unsuspecting people into dialing a recorded message that offers no real value," said Rich Petillo, AT&T corporate security manager.

"It's not just pagers and answering systems that are affected," added DeHaan. "Fax-on-demand systems and electronic mail servers are also being infiltrated."

"The real problem with this scam is the cost of the call — about \$25," said

DeHaan. The 809 telephone number is actually a 900 number somewhere in the Caribbean.

In addition to the 809 area code, consumers should be wary of messages that prompt a return call to any of the following area codes: 242, 246, 268, 345, 441, 664, 670, 758, 767, 787, 868, 869 or 876. These are listed by AT&T as originating offshore and are targeted as warnings for possible telephone scams.

"Basically, anyone who uses a telephone, pager or electronic mail should watch out for suspicious activity," warned DeHaan.

Michigan Message Center has been serving the western Michigan area for 30 years and has a proactive system in place to protect their clients from possible fraudulent calls from the Caribbean or other countries.

If consumers suspect they are victims of the "809 scam" or any other form of telephone fraud, DeHaan urges them to contact their telephone company or long-distance carrier.

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